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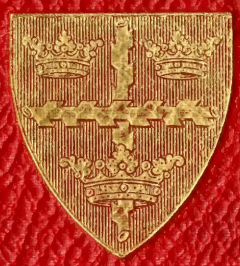

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EARLIEST CORPORATE SEAL OF COLCHESTER.

(PROBABLY OF 14th CENTURY.)—SEE PAGE 27.

The Obverse bears the figure of the Empress Helena, with the Inscription:

"QUAM CRUX INSIGNIT HELENAM COLCESTRIA GIGNIT."

The Reverse shows a triple-towered Castle, and beneath is indicated the Fishery.

Inscription: "COLCESTRENSIS SUM BURGI COMMUNE SIGILLUM."

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PREFACE.

This volume and its companion, the "Red Paper Book of Colchester,"—transcribed and published in 1902—give a tolerably complete series of pictures of local government in this town from the time of Richard II. to the days of Henry VIII., with some amount of light on earlier and later centuries.

From an unknown period, possibly more than a thousand years ago, Colchester enjoyed local liberty and self-government on singularly democratic lines. At any rate this government seems to have existed before the year 1189, the date of the borough's earliest charter. The "Lawhundreds," the "Headmen," the "leet," the old seal of a "Portreeve," and the name of the Mote Hall itself all point to the Anglo-Saxon origin of the local government of the town.

The curious details of the elective system were unmentioned and undefined in any of the early charters. Evidently they were founded upon pre-existent usage. The charter of 1189 merely "confirmed" the right of the town to elect its rulers and its justices, and its freedom from all outside exaction and interference. All rule was nominally by the authority of the sovereign and on his behalf, but the burgesses were as jealous in resisting any infringement of their rights by the King as they were, from the earliest time, persistent in opposing ecclesiastical encroachments, or interference by any sort of outside authority. First and foremost at each of the three Lawhundreds held in each year, the sworn men of the town, chosen from the four wards, were charged to make enquiry as to whether any custom, rent, or service had been withdrawn which of right ought to belong to the town (p. 2). It will be seen that the borough was engaged in constant, and no doubt costly, litigation in defence of its "liberties," its rights to govern itself, to be free from all outside interference, and to have full control over its ancient and specially cherished possession, the river Colne. All records asserting the rights and privileges of the town were registered minutely and scrupulously.

There is singularly little light on general history. A list of Christian Kings of England is given (pp. 25-6), full of ecclesiastical fiction and inaccuracy. There is also the curious 14th century chronicle of the ever famous King Coel (pp. 27-8), with much strange medieval embroidery about it. But though the official records are reticent as to the more important incidents of national history, we can recognise the fact that Colchester was often—if not always—in sympathy with revolution. At an early period lollardry was existent in the borough (*vide* Red Paper Book, pp. 52 and 54). One may even suspect some slight indication of friendly interest in Wat Tyler's rebellion. The reformation of religion was certainly welcomed. Probably no town in England had a larger proportion of Marian martyrs. It was anti-Royalist in the Civil War, though it had the curious fate of standing a siege against the Parliament army and suffering severely in consequence. In 1656 John Evelyn wrote of Colchester as "a ragged and factious town, swarming with sectaries." This was from Evelyn's point of view.

Looking back at the town's history, we need not be surprised that its own remarkable independence had fostered a spirit of independence in its free citizens. But so far as the Red Parchment Book is concerned there is not much evidence of the feeling of Colchester in periods of national excitement. The people may have been turbulent, but the rulers were careful burgesses. Their policy would seem to have been rather that of the Vicar of Bray—though with more honourable ambition—and whatsoever King might reign, their main object was to be masters in their own house.

On pages 31-4, and on page 35, in the regulations for "good peace, unity, quiet rule and politic governance of this notable borough" we get some idea of the turbulence of the commons of Colchester in the disturbed reign of Richard II., and it would seem by the later ordinances on pp. 41-3, which were in force in the reign of Edward IV.—"our lord the King who now is" (p. 41)—that the burgesses were still disposed to be troublesome. Even in these modern days local elective self-government does not proceed without bad temper and bad language. It is not wonderful then that there was trouble sometimes in Colchester in the rougher years, five centuries ago, when the whole of the illiterate and ignorant commonalty (comprising all the male inhabitants, including even apprentices and "men's children,") met together in the Moot Hall, on the Monday after September 8, to elect the four Headmen of the town. As we learn by an entry in the Assembly Books of a later and more enlightened period (1587), the election of Headmen was even then wont to be characterised "by disordered outcries of voices," and was "without all civility and reason," so much so that orders were adopted to prevent such "tumultuous and unreasonable outcries." Sometimes a whole day from eight in the morning until late at night would be spent in recriminations and uproar. So, from time to time, the middle-class patricians of Colchester, whilst adhering to the democratic principle of popular election, took various means to keep the plebeians in order. Specially notable and drastic were the ordinances for this purpose, recorded on page 35, when it was decided to limit the voting power to freemen who were householders and who paid tax and tallage, the mere wage-earner, as well as the apprentice, being disfranchised, and forbidden even to appear at the place of election, under pain of imprisonment. It is specially noteworthy that the "parlous discords" and other "inconvenients," which had arisen by reason of "the multitude concurrent to such elections," seem to have become specially intolerable at the period of the Peasant Rising, to which allusion is found in this volume and also in the Red Paper Book. The ordinances allude to "subtle workings" and corrupt influences, whereby "simple persons" had been elected. The commons of Colchester had probably become infected with the spirit of the famous John Ball, alias John Schepe (Ship), "sometime St. Mary, priest of York, and now of Colchester," who preached on the words:

When Adam dolve and Eva span,
Who was then the gentleman?

Such seditious tendencies had to be suppressed. The rulers of Colchester not only ordained the aforesaid disfranchising regulations, but also provided that no person should

be eligible as a Headman who had not "of yearly livelihood in rent, 40s." (p. 36). In 1372 it had been deemed enough to ordain that the Headmen should be "sufficient and of good conversation."

Having regard to the reticence of the official chroniclers as to matters of national importance, it is the more significant that on page 73 reference is made to the Peasant Rising, as the Year of Rumour. As stated in a note, this rising is also specially alluded to in the Red Paper Book—under the same vague description—though the entry has unfortunately decayed. The exact part of Colchester in the rebellion, in which the peasantry of Essex were prominent, is not known. John Ball, of Colchester, was drawn, hanged, beheaded, and quartered, but the worst that the monkish writers have to tell of him is that "he sought the good will of the common people more than the meritorious service of God"; that he taught "the perverse heresies of the perfidious Wicliffe"; that he released prisoners from gaol and instigated them to further misdeeds; that he taught equality of man, and that slavery was hateful to God; that he incited men to slay lords, judges, justices, and other magistrates; and that he preached that "no one born out of matrimony was fit for the kingdom of God."* The last accusation, which seems to imply, at any rate, that John Ball declaimed against immorality, may guide us as to our interpretation of the rest. Towards the end of the rebellion, according to the Monk of St. Albans, the insurgents tried to make a rally at Colchester and unsuccessfully solicited and threatened the townsmen for their support. This was in July, 1381. They went from Colchester to Sudbury, and were for the most part cut to pieces.

It has already been seen that after the rising there was some amount of reaction in Colchester for the keeping down of the labouring classes. The careful entry in this book of the Statutes of 1388 (*v.* p. 190) is significant. And the ordinances of 1447 (p. 185-187), though more generous in some respects than those of fifty years earlier, and intended apparently to modify some severities which had crept in, were still tightly drawn. There is a grim humour about the last of these ordinances (p. 187), devised "to fly oppression and heinous rule which might happen in future to the diminishing and impoverishing of our poor comburgesses." With this praiseworthy purpose it was agreed that in future all forfeited goods and chattels of outlaws and felons, or persons condemned to loss of life or limb, should be delivered—not to the relatives of the wretched offenders, but "to the use and profit of all the commonalty of the town, which God keep from all mischiefs and diseases."

This book does not contain so many references as the Red Paper Book to the constant dissensions between the Town and the Abbey. On pages 188-9 is a copy of an agreement, dated 1388, whereby the Abbot agreed to pay 13s. 4d. a year to the town and to attend and do suit at the Lawhundred courts. The Abbot's successors did not keep the last portion of this promise, but were regularly "presented" at court after court (as

* These allegations are from the Chronicle of the Monk of St. Albans, 1328-88.

recorded in the rolls) for failing to appear. The 13s. 4d. is duly entered in the rental of the town (also of the year 1388) on page 208, but it must not be presumed that the money was paid.

This rental of Colchester, occupying pages 203-214, was drawn up in 1387-8 and apparently was touched up, from time to time, for about a century, so as to bring the names of the tenants up to date. A considerable proportion of the rents are for small encroachments on the highway, allowed for nominal rents, e.g., Clement the Dyer's paling in North Street, 2d. ; another paling, probably next door, 2d. ; John Boyn, for "land near his house," 1d. ; Philip le Chapman, for an encroachment near the corner of his house, 1d.—apparently by North Bridge, possibly the very same corner which the Colchester Town Council obtained for widening purposes, in 1903, at a cost of some hundreds of pounds—Thos. Deynes, for posts for supporting a vine opposite his tenement in North Street, 2d. ; several "upper rooms," for which the annual payment was one penny, probably rooms built so as to overhang the pavement.

Such entries help to explain those excrescences and irregularities which, in Colchester, as in other towns, spoil the modern pathways and roadways. The rents were forgotten after a few generations, but the encroachments remain.

The rulers of Colchester attached importance, from an early date, to sanitary matters. This is shown in the lists of matters specially brought before the Lawhundred juries for their cognizance. There are in this volume two such lists, one in English on pages 2 to 4, probably of the fifteenth century the other in Latin on pages 221-223, apparently of rather earlier date. There was a "Black List" in those days, for the jury were to present "all such as haunt customably the taverns, alehouses, and riots," as well as those that "wake by night and sleep by day" (p. 3). Chiders and brawlers, eavesdroppers under men's windows, talebearers, mischief makers, and busy-bodies were also specially selected to receive their deserved punishment. Was this because they were more abundant in Colchester than elsewhere, or because in those days Colchester hated such miscreants more than other towns ? Foot-path preservation, adulteration, weights and measures, riots and disorders of all kinds, poaching and fowl stealing, and many more matters were also rehearsed three times a year to the "good men," lest they should forget such evil deeds and the evil-doers thereof. "Christians taking usury" are included in only one of these lists, apparently the older one.

Some light on the violent manners of the fourteenth century will be found in the entries on pages 224 and 225, concerning wrongful seizures of goods. These seizures of goods by men armed with swords and daggers and bows and arrows are not set down as of any special note in themselves, but merely because the proceedings arising from them had been taken to the courts in London instead of to the Colchester courts.

The entry in this book on pages 226-7—now published for the first time—concerning the interesting old seal of the Portreeve of Colchester, sets at rest a question as to the identity of the bird thereon. On the authority of tradition—and Morant—this

had always been regarded by Colchester people as representing a raven. The authorities of the British Museum cast an uncomfortable doubt over the bird by describing it in their catalogue of seals as "an eagle of St. John." As the record in this book, describing it as the seal "de le Ravene," is certainly as old as the year 1450, and probably older, it may be hoped that the authorities of the British Museum will withdraw the aspersion upon the bird's pedigree. The seal is so obviously of great antiquity, and the raven is so famous as a Danish emblem, that it is of interest that the point should be cleared up and that the bird should be relieved of the suspicion of being a mere commonplace ecclesiastical symbol. It must be agreed, however, that the entry by no means justifies the curious assertion of Morant that the arms of the town "as a port" are a raven; nor the modern use of the bird by the Colchester Town Council—with sanction of an Act of Parliament—as being in some way specially associated with the river. The seal was—as its inscription states—the common seal of the borough, probably before its incorporation by charter.

Pages 45 to 183 are occupied with a summary of the court rolls of Colchester from 1327 to 1564. This is the more valuable from the fact that some of the original rolls are now lost. On reference to the remaining rolls I have found that the summary is fairly complete and correct. It does not include the vast mass of petty litigation entered upon the rolls, but most of the enrolled deeds and wills are duly recorded, and there are few omissions in the list of burgesses admitted. Sometimes the names are inaccurately copied, but these mistakes are comparatively few in number.

The lists give some useful information on the interesting subject of how surnames have grown. Beginning at a period when family names were still unsettled, we see how "le Chapman" (the trader) became merely Chapman; how "le Webbe" (the weaver) became Webb (p. 57); how Geoffrey-in-the-Lane's descendants became merely Lanes; how the atte Melles, atte Fordes, atte Cherches, atte Chambres, and so forth, became Mills, Fords, Churches, and Chambers, We can also trace how a Bailiff (also M.P. for the town), entered as John Beaste (p. 182), owed his uncomfortable cognomen merely to the fact that his forefathers originally dwelt "by the East" (*v*, p. 96) and became known as By East or Be Easte, in the same way as other families of burgesses were known as Besouth (p. 45) and Benorthe (p. 69). John Beast succeeded in transmuting his name to Best. The large number of Netherlanders and other foreigners admitted as freemen from time to time will be noticed. Many of these admissions were long before the advent of the Protestant refugees who came to Colchester in large numbers in the reign of Elizabeth. Some of the foreigners came over in the reign of Queen Mary. Several of these aliens became notable inhabitants, serving as councillors and in other offices. Winkin Grenerice, a shoemaker, born in Gelderland, and admitted a freeman in 1537-8, was a councillor for very many years and became chamberlain in 1557-8. It is also noteworthy that from an early period freemen are enrolled who had migrated to Colchester from Ireland, Scotland, and the most distant counties of England. Some of the early names indicate Norman origin, as William Goloffre (1387-8), found in Domesday Book as

Gulaffra; John Parlebien (1406-7), and John Orlogeer (horlogier) (1357-8). Surnames originally nicknames are found in Longjohn, Brownadam, Dyngaright, and Longhobbe.

A few unexplained instances of women being admitted as freeburgesses occur in the following years—1355-6 (two), 1358-9 (one), 1367-8 (two), 1368-9 (one). It is noteworthy that the two "great pestilences, causing terrible mortality in Colchester," took place in 1348-9 and 1360-1 (v. pages 55 and 63). It is too fanciful, perhaps, to conjecture that these women may have been honoured for service to the town in these dreadful visitations.

Among the later entries in the book special interest attaches to those referring to the warlike stores in the town at the commencement of the Civil War (p. 228-9)—stores which had been collected for the parliamentary army, as shown by the introduction of the name of Sir Thomas Honywood, one of their leading spirits; also the entries as to the plague of 1665, in which 4,731 persons are said to have perished—pp. 256-8; and the records of burgesses admitted in the 17th and 18th centuries.

On pp. 229-232 appears a long list of admissions "pursuant to an order made at an Assembly, Oct. 31, 1728." The explanation is that a number of free burgesses had been improperly admitted in 1705 and 1713. It was accordingly agreed "that a number of freedoms should be sold to raise a fund for defending the rights and privileges of the corporation." The dangerous ease with which freemen (then the only parliamentary voters) could be admitted, naturally led to gerrymandering before elections. Alderman Mott, who was Mayor in 1693-4, was disfranchised for making persons free without the consent of the council of the borough, a matter duly investigated by the House of Commons Committee of Elections, 1710.

There are some interesting names amongst the freeburgesses introduced from time to time from outside. Lieut.-General Piercy Kirk (p. 246), admitted June 26, 1691, was the famous ruffian who was Colonel of "Kirke's Lambs." When made a freeman he was on his way to Brussels, where he died on Oct. 31 following, "in the torments of a loathsome disease" (Nat. Dict. Biog.). Hugh Boscawen, admitted at the same time, was a leading whig politician, who subsequently become Lord Boscawen. Lord Cutts (admitted April 27, 1702, page 247) was the famous "Salamander" Cutts, whom Swift attacked in a virulent "Ode." Sir John Morden, Bart. (admitted Oct. 19, 1695—page 248), was the founder of Morden's College, Blackheath, and was grandson of Robert Morden, of Thurlow, Suffolk. He died in 1708.

The payments by freeburgesses, on admission, "for Buckets," recorded on p. 234 and elsewhere, was in accordance with a custom not unusual in the 17th and 18th centuries. The buckets were hung up in the Moot Hall for use in case of fire. Many such buckets, with the initials of the donors, are still to be seen at Harwich Guild Hall. The Colchester buckets have all disappeared.

As to the Oaths so numerously scattered about these pages, who can wonder that, with such a superfluity of swearing continually going on, Colchester became a stronghold of Quakerism? From the porters on the quay at the Hythe to the Chief

Magistrate of the borough, all officers seem to have had their special forms for swearing. The Free Burgess's oath and the Mayor's oath, both still in use, are of great antiquity, the latter being practically the same oath taken by the Bailiffs in the ancient times when the chief rule was in the hands of a duumvirate instead of a Mayor.* A comparison, of the Norman French oath of a Free Burgess, as administered about 1377 (p. 38) with the later forms in 1750 (p. 243) will show how very slight was the alteration after the lapse of nearly 400 years. The Oaths connected with the bay and say trade—as for instance that on page 250 for the praiseworthy prevention of "bad and naughty bays"—give some idea as to the quaint but wholesome regulations for preserving the credit of that once important but long since defunct industry of Colchester. In regard to trades and occupations I have made a specially full index. The very large number of clergy in pre-Reformation times will be noted.

In connection with the oaths, and with much of the rest of the book, it is to be regretted that the arrangement was not chronological, and that little attempt was made at any classification. For many reasons I have thought it best to present the book exactly in the order in which it stands; except that I have classified the lists of burgesses, leases, wills, &c., from 1327 to 1564. I hope that the very full index which is given, will enable the reader to pick his way without difficulty to different subjects or to different periods as to which he may desire information.

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* Mayors were substituted for Bailiffs by the Charter of 1635.

ERRATA & ADDENDA.

Page 1. Col. 2, lines 13 and 14. *Read* "Kyng's justics for the lete to be holden."

„ 5. Line 28. *For* "Morindar" *read* "Morice."

„ 6. "Tred Whyt" is probably fulling earth.

„ 7. "Doggeston." "Dogstones" are mentioned in a "List of Tolls," &c., 1669. (*v.* Morant's *Colchester*, Book 2. App. p. 39).

„ 8. "Grenyng wed" is called "Greenwood" in the list of 1669.

„ 11. Legal Mnemonics. It should have been noted that these are rough hexameters.

„ 16. Col. 2, line 7. *For* "it" *read* "its."

„ 39. Col. 2, line 34-5. *For* "on" *read* "ou"; *for* "sergnourie" *read* "seygnourie."

„ 67. Note. "North Ree"=North river.

„ 68. Burgesses, 1372-3, "Robert, rector of *Wedyngtoun*." This is "Wydycoun" in the Roll.

„ 76. "Leases, &c.," last line. *For* "Logehobbe" *read* "Longehobbe."

„ 79. "Leases, &c.," line 4. "Le Eldere"—le Elde Re, *i.e.* the old river; *v.* p. 205.

„ 81. *For* "Thos. Bonesaunt" *read* "Thos. Bonefaunt."

„ 88. "Leases, &c.," line 21, *For* "parline" *read* "pauline."

„ 98. Burgesses, line 16. *For* "Tye" *read* "Tey."

„ 113. Burgesses, 1441-2. *For* "Thurkgld" *read* "Thurkyld."

„ 128. "Leases, &c.," "De decimis percipiendis." The translation "as to the collection of tithes" should be filled in.

„ 137. "Leases, &c.," line 22. *For* "Colto" *read* "to."

„ 148. "Visit of Catherine of Arragon." *For* "Whit Sunday" *read* "Trinity Sunday."

„ 167. 1549-50. "Geo. Cooke" is "George Coote" in Roll; Thos. Spencer, "b. at Neylond," is "b. at Maylond" in Roll; "Norden" (in "leases, &c.") is "Northen" in Roll; "John Roop" is "John Roper" in Roll.

„ 168. "Burgesses, &c.," line 30. "Pollerscote" is "Pottscote" in Roll.

„ 203. Col. 2, line 28. *For* "stobale" *read* "solebat."

„ 210. Line 29. For "Hstret" *read* "Estret."

„ 234. Col. 2, line 10. *For* "1649" *read* "1694."

„ 243. Line 26. For "Mid-Tein" *read* "Mid-Tem" (i.e. Middle Temple).

The 'Oath Book' or Red Parchment Book.

THE Red Paper Book and the Red Parchment Book were for some centuries the principal, if not the only, books of record of the Borough of Colchester. For about 250 years they were kept simultaneously. As the names indicate, one book was composed of paper and the other of parchment. Probably the Parchment Book was reserved for records considered to be of special importance, and was more often used for purposes of reference than the Red Paper Book. The Red Parchment Book is now bound in ancient wooden boards, which have been covered with leather and further strengthened by brass mountings. There is no trace of red colour about the slight remains of leather upon the covers. On the back is a label inscribed, in a comparatively modern hand-writing, "The Oath Book." It will be seen that this name only gives a partial notion of the contents. The ancient name of the volume was the "Red Parchment Book," as is proved by references to it in other Records of the Borough. Whilst the Red Paper Book was not used after the reign of Queen Mary, the Red Parchment Book was utilised up to the 18th Century. Its contents thus range over a period of about 400 years, but the majority of the entries were made in the 14th, 15th, and 16th Centuries.

Throughout this transcript the sign † after the various headings indicates that the heading does not form part of the original record.

The Index or Kalendar of the book appears on Folio 3, and is incomplete.

OATHS ADMINISTERED TO JURIES. PROBABLY ABOUT 1450.†

[*Folio* 1. *Partly illegible.*]—

Good men that . . . . . .

. . . . . .

Good men that be warnyd to appere here at this day before master baylys of the Kyng justly . . . ate . . . . hot' . . . . here within the precinct (?) of this burugh, Answere to your names . . . . .

Good men that be warnyd to appere here at this day before the Kyngs Justics of his peax withyn the liberty of the town of Colchestyr to enquire for our soveregn lord the Kyng. Answere to your names.

Ye shall inquire for our sovereyn lord Kyng *a* of all suche poynts and articles as shalbe rehersyd unto you; . . . . you; ye shall nott for favour, that ye bere to any person, leve anything onpresentyd (unpresented) that ought to be presentyd; and ye shall not for malyce or evyll will present anything that ought nott to be presentyd; but the trouth of everythyng, the Kyngs counsayle, your felowes, and your own, ye shall well and truly kepe. So helpe you God.

OATH OF THE HEADMEN, AND THE METHOD OF ELECTING THE FOUR-AND-TWENTY.†

Masters, ye fower that be electe and shosen (chosen) to be hedemen of this eleccon, shall electe and shose (choose) to every of you v. persons of every warde, most abyllest, most wysest, and discretest persons, accordyng to your constitucon, which shall make the full nombyr of xxiiij persons. Than (then) ye togedyr shall procede unto your eleccion of these officers, that ys to wete, N. Ye shall shose the most abyllest, the most wysest, discretest, and the most profytabylest persons for this borough, settyng all favour, love, med (meed, *i.e.* recompense), reward, or promyse, aparte, accordyng to your conscience [and] constitucons of thys towne* So God you helpe.—[*End of Folio* 1.]

OATH FOR THE JURIES AT THE THREE LAW HUNDREDS.†

MATTERS AS TO WHICH THEY WERE TO ENQUIRE AND PRESENT.†

[*Dorse of Folio* 1.]

Ad tria Lawhundr'. Goodmen that be warned to appere here at this day, before master bayliffs, the Kings Justics for the lete helde here within the precinct of this borough. Answere to your names.

Ye shall truly inquere and truly presentment make of those thyngs that ye shall be shewyd of, of the Kyngs behalfe and master baylyffs justics here, concernyng the conservacon of the Kyngs lawes, constitucons, aud customys of this burugh; the Kyngs counsell, master Bayllys, the Kyngs Justics here, your felawys, and your owne, ye shall wele and truly consele and kepe, and for nothyng ye shall lette (prevent) but that ye shall the sothe (truth) sey in such causes as be nedefull and requisible here to be presentyd, presentyng no man of malyce, hatred, yl wyll, or labor made unto you. Ye shall consele no mannys defaunte for consanguinite, love, favour, mede, or reward, but present every defaute of every person accordyng to ther deservyng. So helpe me god and holydom, and by that boke.—[*End of Dorse of Folio* 1.]

THE CHARGE.

[*Folio* 2.]—*Onus Lawhundr'*. (The charge of the Law Hundred). In primis, ye schall enquere if there be any custom, rent, or service withdrawe (withdrawn) from this court which of ryght aught to perteyne unto [it]. Ye schall enquere by whom it was withdrawe, and what service it is, and yn what Bailiffs time, and how long it hath be (been) withdrawe, and where the lond lieth, that we myght streyne (distrain) for the arrerage that ys behynd.

Itm., of Tresour hid in the grounds or throwyn undyr the grounds or abovyn . . . gold, sylver, or any odyr ryches, that hath ben found withyn the precincte of this liberte; and to whos hands it is come to.

Also if ther hath be (been) made any outhes (outcry) or cries, rearyd ageyn the Kyngs peas ye schal enquere [per quocunque*] and whan, and to whom, and whethyr it hath be reryd ryghtfully or wrongfully.

Also of all blod shed and wepon drawen ageyn the Kings peas, and specially withyn the xij dayes of Cristemesse, Estern (Easter), and Whitsontyde; ye shall enfourme us who hath made them.

Also of all pourprestures (encroachments) made upon land or watyr, or reylyng up of dowles, streityng of the Kyng's hieth way, pitchyng or plankyng in the comon or in the comen way, to the noyance of the Kyngs people.

Also if any man hath turned or stopped the corse of any watyr oucte of the right course into a wrong corse, or hath made any wrong weyes, or hath tourned any ryght wey overwhert (overthwart) odyr wyse than it hath be (been) accustomed and usyd of old tyme.

* Interpolated in a later handwriting apparently of the 16th Century.

* Interpolated.

Also of al maner thevys dwellyng and abydyng withyn this Burgh and liberte of the same, and of their resseivours (receivers); ye schal present the names of them.

Also if there be any clippers or wasshers of the Kyngs coyne, and of their abbettours and ressevours withyn the sayd Burgh.

Also of all diks (dykes, *i.e.* ditches) not scored (scoured) nor made clene, where-thorough the watyr overflowyth the hyth wey to the noyauns of the people.

Also if there be any withyn this Burgh or liberte of the same that occupie ij mesurs, that is to sey a gret mesur to bye with, and a lesser to sel with, whetir it be busshell, halffe busshell, or pekke, yerd, half yerd, or elle, or any odyr mesure that longyth odyr (either) to bye or selle with, [and] of any fals wheights.

Also of al ravissours of women, maydenys, or menys servaunts.

Also of al maner vacabunds, dise pleiers, (dice-players), and riotours that wake be (by) nyght and sclepe be (by) daye, and of all such as haunte customably the tavernys, ale housys, and riotts, and of al such as gon up and downe and do nought, and [no] man can sey from whens they com and wheder they wylle.

Also of al them that fisshe in the comen revyr, and [put] that fysshe unto sale, where-uppon they leve, where it schuld not be liefful (lawful) no man so to do unto, for his propre expens.

Also of al tho (those) that followe fals weights and mesures not ensealed nor affere (affeered, *i.e.* certified).

Et de hiis qui retinent carnes in estate ultra tres dies . . . quatuor et postea exponunt vendicioni. Et de hiis qui vendunt . . . . . .

(This Latin paragraph, the end of which is illegible, was apparently inserted at a later period. The Translation is: "Also of those who keep meat in summer beyond three days . . . . . [and in winter beyond ?] four days, and afterwards expose it for sale. And of those who sell . . . .)

[End of Folio 2.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 2.]—

Also of al tho (those) that dygge gravel, cley, or sand, in any place withyn the liberte of this towne to the noyauns of the comon of the same.

Also of al maner straungers which fysshe in the comon revyr, whych bere not to scot and lot.

Also of all tho that bere away any stones longyng to the town walle, or lokks, keys, or chenys (chains), longyng to the gats (gates) of Colchester.

Also of all tho that lett (hinder) the masters of the Bochers craft for to do and execute ther office, and if the same masters of bochers craft do there office wele and truly as they schuld do.

Also of al regrattours and forstallors that be in the market, or that lieth at the townes ende, to whache (watch) corne or any odyr chaffer (merchandise) the which causyth it to be sold the derer.

Also if ther hath be (been) any weiffs or streis com into this towne or liberte of the same, as hors, nete, schepe, swyne, swannes, or any other thyng which hath ben withyn this towne or liberte of the same xij moneth and a day, and not chalenged, ye schal do us to wete (cause us to know) whether this towne be answerd thereof or not; a weiff, that is if any man hath stolen ony gode or catell, whether it be hors, nete, or schepe, or any oder goods, and for dredde of or bewreying flyith from the same, that is a weiff.

Also of al bochiers (butchers) the which bring there flesshe to sell without there hids (hides).

Also of al tho (those) that sell corupt flesshe in the market ayenst the ordinaunce of this towne.

Also of al tho that sell leddyr not wele nor sufficiently tannyd.

Also of al tho which surchargyth the comon pastur of this towne with their bests.

Also of al straungers which huntyth and takyth fox, hare, or cat, withyn this libertie of this towne, and bere not to scot and to lot.

Also of tho that selle salt and otemele with false mesur.

Also of all goods and catells of felones, fugitives, to whos hands they have com to.

Also of all comen women beyng withyn this towne.

Also of all mellers (millers) that use to take excesse tolls, othyrwyse than ryght requiryth, wrongyng the Kyngs people.

Also of al comen chiders and brawlers to the noyauns of ther neyghbours, and evisdroppyrs undyr mennys wyndowes, be night or be day, to bere awey tales or discovere their counsell, to make debate or discencion among ther neighbours.

Also of al dunggill noyabill (noxious dung-hills) withyn this towne.

Also of tho that occupie the Kyngs hieth wey with tymber or blokks in undewe tyme.

Also of al tho that use snares, netts, castyng of stonys or settyng of hardles, or any odyr craft to distroye house dowes (pigeons) or any other tame fowle.

Also of al maner hunters that kepe hounds ayeynst the statute.

Off all thise poynts that now hath be (been) rehersyd unto you, and of al odyr that ben [not?] put in your remembranse that ye know worthy to be presentyd, ye shall present them . . . ye arne (?) as were sworne of those that they tell you not off, as of tho that they telle you of. Therefor if any com to your mynds, present them and discharge your sylfs of the . . . [oath?] . . . ye have sworn. Therfor go togedyr, and every man enfourme othyr and . . . . . &c.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 2.]

ANCIENT RECORD OF THE LIMITS OF THE LIBERTY OF COLCHESTER.

[*Folio* 3. *Latin entry commencing* "Banleuca Colcestrie incipit." Over the word "Banleuca" has been written in a later writing "libertas." The following is a translation:—]

The Boundary (or Liberty) of Colchester begins at the foreign ditch of Wyldenhey, at the new cross of William Lammaley, and so the boundary is enrolled in the itinerary of the forest of Sir Robert Passhelewe (domini Roberti Passhelewe) in the 30th year of Henry III. (1245) and it extends from the cross aforesaid as far as the new bridge, and from the new bridge to Godulves bregge (bridge) and from Godulves-bregge as far as Thomas bregg' (bridge), and from Thomas bridge as far as Blakebrok in Cestrweld, and from Blakebroke in Cestreweld as far as the brooks (brokis) under the corner o Langham Park, and from the aforesaid brooks (Brokis) as far as Levesgorebrigge, and from Levesgore- brigge, as far as the Dych Crouche, and from the aforesaid Dychcrouche, a certain water crosses from the Brook and leads to Bierdecherche, and from Bierdechyrche as far as Kyngesford. And from Kyngesforde it goes before the gate of Robert Marshall's former house, and so to the first aforesaid cross where the Bailiwick began.

This piece of writing was found in a certain ancient Roll amongst other memoranda in the 6th year of Edward I. (1277) in the time of Saier Fitz Ralph and Richard Pruwet, Bailiffs of Colchester.

OF THE FIFTEENTHS AND TENTHS PAID BY THE TOWN OF COLCHESTER.†

[*In a later writing. Latin.*]—

In the book of the Fifteenths and Tenths of the time of Henry VI., in the Treasury, namely in the custody of the King's

Remembrancer, folio 144, among other things is contained thus :—

Hundred of Lexden.

Of the Borough of Colchester in the four hamlets of Lexden, Milend, Grensted, and West Donyland, which are taxed at one Tenth.	£26 2s. 9d.

Then follows a receipt :—

xviij. Junii, 1582, anno Elizabethe Regine.

Rec. by me John Brock, Esquyre, Collector of the xvth and xth for the Towne of Colchester, with the fower hamletts of the same, viz.: Myleende, Grensted, Lexden, and West Donyland, graunted unto the Quenes Majestie, in the xxiijth yeare of hir highnes reigne, by parliament, by the hands of Robart Lambart and John Pye, Bayliffs of the said Towne, to her Majesties use, twenty twoe poundes, fower shillings, and syxe pence.

— xxijli. iiijs. vid.

By me John Brock.

Thys acquietaunce signed with the hand of the saide Collector remayneth in paper in the cupbord where the roolls of the Chamberlyns accoumpts doe lye. Ita est per me Richd. Symnell deput. Jacobi Morindar (?) clerici ville.

(A mark of R S.)

[*End of Folio* 3.]

INDEX OR KALENDAR.†

[*Dorse of Folio* 3. *The Index is in Latin and is headed:* "Kalendar istius libri." *Its contents are as follows:*]

Of the customs of the town of Colchester. Folio A.

Of various allowances (allocationibus) of the farm. Appears on Folio G.

Of the Charter of the Lord King granted to the fraternity of the Guild of Saint Helen. Folio 1. Of the names of the Christian Kings of England. Folio 2.

Of Colchester and Coel, and Saint Helena, daughter of Coel. Folio 3.

Of the Proclamation in Colne Water. Folio 4.

Of the writing from the Admiral. Folio 4.

Of a writ directed to the Admiral. Folio 5.

Of statutes issued against the Admiral. Folio 5.

Of new Constitutions of the town. Folios 5 and 6.

Of the oaths of the Bailiffs and others. Folio 8.

Of new Constitutions of the town, corrected and amended. Folio 9 and 10.

Of the oath of the Bailiffs and others. Folios 10 and 11.

Of burgesses made, and of wills and leases, as appears on Folio 12, and other following Folios, &c.

Of writs for the Liberty of Colchester against London. Folio 75.

Of a writ of the Lord King for the disafforesting of the Forest of Essex. Folio 77.

Of the Statutes of Cambridge in the 12th year.* Appears in Folio 77.

Of other Statutes made in another Parliament. Appears [in Folio] 80 and other [Folios].

Of a copy of a writ for the Liberty of Colchester against the Coroner of Londou. Folio 82.

Of lands and rents belonging to the Chapel of St. Helen. Folio 83.

Of letters for presentations to the Chantry. Folio 84.

Of a copy of a deed of rent, 6d., for repair of East Bridge. Folio 84.

Of the rental of the town of Colchester. Folio 86 and other [Folios].

Of pleas before the LordKing at Brendewode. Folio 99.

Of allowance of the Liberty of the

*This refers to the Parliament at Cambridge 12 Richard II. (Sept. 1388). The omission of the King's name indicates that this index was written in the reign of Richard II. The style of writing corroborates this supposition.

town of Colchester in Common Bench. Folio 99.

Of pleas at Westminster before the King. Folio 99.

Of charter of the Liberty of the town of Colchester, enrolled in [King's] Bench. 99

Of allowances of the Liberty of the town of Colchester, enrolled. Folio 100.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 3.]

[*Folio* 4.]

Of infringement (lesione) of the Liberty of the town of Colchester. Folio 102.

Of allowance of the Liberty of Colchester. Folio 104.

Of pleas in the Treasury of the Lord King between the town and the Abbot of St. John, for the office of Coroner. Folio 104.

Of articles of View of Frankpledge. Folio 104 and other Folios,

Of toll taken at the Mill. Folio 105.

Of allowance of the Liberty of the town of Colchester before the Lord King. Folio 105.

Of the farm of the town. On the same Folio.

Of confirmation of the Charter of the town. Folio 105.

[*In a different and somewhat later handwriting.*]—

Of a Composition made between the town of Colchester and the Abbot of St. John, Colchester, upon various articles and contentions in the time of Ralph Ode and Joseph Elyanore, Bailiffs of Colchester. [11 and 12 Edward III., 1338-9]. Folio 76.

Of acts and matters concluded (terminatis) before the itinerant Justices. Folio 75.

Of a new oath taken by Burgesses. Folio 11.

Folio 60. Of a new footbridge granted at the Hythe, in the time of Thomas Godston and Henry Bosse, Bailiffs, in the 8th Henry IV., [1406-7].

Deed (carta) of William Mate and John Cappe, executors of Richard Dedham; appears in the time of John Foorde and William Mate, Bailiffs in the 12th Henry IV. [1410-1], viz., of three pieces of land lying separate within "Abbey feeld," which pieces of land are recognised as common lands at the fitting times (tempore congruo) according to the custom of the town.—[*End of Folio* 4. *Dorse blank.*]

CUSTOMS PAYABLE ON VARIOUS GOODS ADMITTED TO COLCHESTER. TEMP. RICHARD II.†

[Folio 5. Marked as Folio A.]

A remembraunce of the Custume of Dyverse Chaffarys (wares) comynge out of dyverse Cuntres, usinge by old tyme with owytn ony mynde at the Burgh and Havene of Colchest'.

Pruce Waynscot, c., ijd. (Spruce [or perhaps "Prussian"] wainscot, 2d. per 100).

Regal bord, c., iiijd.§

Wotmeholt,* c., iiijd.

Cogbord, c., viijd. (Possibly wood for building "cogs" or small boats.)

Delys (deals), c., vjd.

M (1,000) pryn (? pins *i.e.* nails), iiijd., and for c., ob. (*i.e.* ½d. for 100).

Asshys (ashes) Last,‖ iiijd.; iij barrell, jd.; j barell ob (½d.)

Pyk and ter (pitch and tar), Last. iiijd.; iij barell, jd.; j barell, ob (½d.)

Bowestaves, c., iijd.; j bundel, ob.

Ores (oars), grete, c., iiijd.

Ores, small c., iijd.; quarter [of a hundred], jd.; di. [half a quarter], ob.

Chystys on Boundyn,‡ ob.; with crossheds, 1d.

Tables, parte, jd.; table joyned, ½d.

Tred Whyt and Coloyne,* c. li (100 lbs.), viijd.

Chaundelers wyke, c. li, ijd.; di, quart, ob. (Chandlers wick, 100 lbs., 2d.; half quarter, ½d.)

§According to Halliwell "regal" is a West of England term for "a groove in timber." In this list it probably means board which has been reglé, or ruled off, *i.e.* straightened.

*These terms require elucidation,

‖Last.—a load.

‡Chests not bound (with iron?)

Wax, c. lb., ijd.; and for 12 lb. or less, ¼d.

Flax, c. lb., 1d.

Hemp, c., ob. (½d.)

Coper, c.. 1d.

Drap lyne, de Parce, c., iijd.; j dos. quart. ("Woollen cloth per parcel, a hundred, 3d.; a dozen, ¼d.)

Canefas (canvass) de Parce, c., ijd.; and 1 dos. or lesse, quart.

Grece or Oyl, j barel, jd.

Stokffysch, c., iiijd.

Fyssh of the hele, c., ijd.

[End of Folio 5.]

[Dorse of Folio 5.]

Merlyng fysch (*i.e.* whiting) of Hele (? whole) Haddok, iijd. and the barell, ½d.

Un Lyne Cable, Graunt (grand, *i.e.* large) iiijd., and peter (petit, *i.e.* small) ijd.

Un Cable de Bast, Gros, 1d., and petit, ob. (½d.)

Lytel Ropys, c. lb., jd.

Cableyarn and Ropyarn c. lb., ob.

1 gret Anker and j lytel anker, c. lb., ob.

A gret Mast of j.c. tonez and abovyn, xijd.

Item, for j mast betwen xl. and c. tonez, vid.

A gret Seylyerde (sailyard), iiijd.

A Smal seylyerde, ijd.

A Mast for a Farcost (boat) between xvj and xl ton, iijd.; and seylyerde, 1d.

A Mast for botes between vj and xvj ton, jd.

A Mast for cokks (cock-boats), and botes, ob.; seilyerd, ob.

A Barel Scorioun,* ijd.

A Tymber Grey Werk, j quart. (Forty skins of Greywork *i.e.* probably badger-skin, ¼d.)

A Tymber Hermyn, iiijd. (Forty skins of ermine, 4d.)

A Tymber Letowse, ijd. (Forty skins of letice—probably a variety of ermine—2d.

Weuerwombes* and oter skynes, tymbar, v.d.

Armure.

Leg Harness, ob.

Haberion and j peyre plates, jd.

A Brest plate, ob.

Vombras and Rerebras, ob. (Vambrace and rerebrace—armour for the forearm and upper-arm—½d.)

A Basenet (helmet) with vyntayle (? vizor or beaver), jd.

Gloves of Plate, ¼d.

Un xij de espes (swords) ijd.

Un xij Lancez with heds, ob.; withowtyn heds, ¼d.

[End of Dorse of Folio 5.]

[Folio 6. Marked Folio B.]

Garlek c. bouch, iiijd. (Garlick, 100 bundles, 4d.)

Onyons, j barel de mesme, quart. (Onions, one barrel of the same, ¼d.)

Onyons, Kokayne, Bouch, c., ijd.

Crop Mader, le bale, ijd.

Cours Madyr (coarse madder) le bale, ijd.

Alum, le bale, ijd.

1 ame (cask) of Rynysh wyn, jd.

1 tonel (tun) de Vyn (wine) iiijd.

Et si soyt afat de v. ou vj. ames carie en charette payera, iiijd. (And if it consists of five or six casks carried on a cart, it shall pay 4d.)

Potts de Ryne, c., jd.

Glas, un centener qt. (Glass, a hundred, ¼d.)

Wod Ripeland,* j tonel, iiijd.

1 Tonel Syther (? cider) ijd.

1 Tonel Bark, ijd.

Un Tonel Wod de Amyas, iiijd. (One tun of woad [*i.e.*, blue dye] of Amiens, 4d.)

Un bale Wod, fretted, ijd., and j quart, ½d.

Melleston (millstone), iiijd.

1 last Quernstones (handmill stones), iiijd.

Un Doggeston,* ob.

Un Graneston de xij pees., vj., and v., iiijd.

Un Graneston‖ de ix pees, viij, and vij, iiijd.; et vj pees ijd.; et v. pees jd.

Morteris (mortars) j dos., graunt and pet[it], jd.

Whetstones, j sschyp. lb., jd.

*These terms require elucidation.

‖Graneston appears to mean hewn stone—perhaps "graven stone."

Pannes, Cawdrons, Lateres et Basynes Lavours, jd.

Welde (a yellow dye) iij ston facent un poyntel et si le poyntel, ob. (3 stones make a poyntel and if ther be a poyntel, ½d.)

Et de sus cheschun ston, quart (and less than each stone, ¼d.)

Grenyng wed, un charge de charott, iiijd., et un charge de cheval quart (Greening dye one cart load 4d., and a horse load, ¼d.)

Et par xij quart ston, jd.

[*End of Folio* 6.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 6.]—

Plastyr de Parys par le mannsel, ijd.

Makerel, fresh, c., ob

Makerel, sali, c., ¼d. ; and zif if it come be shepe (and if it come by ship) for the bolk (bulk), iiijd.

Whyt salt, gret salt, par weye, ijd. ; and j quart, ob.

Lampreys, for 1 dos, 1d.

Counger, par ewe pars ijs. et desus, ½d. ; et si de moindre degre que xijd., ne paier. (Conger, by water, for each lot worth 2s., or under ½d. ; and if it be of less amount than 12d., not to pay.)

Samon, en mesme manere (Salmon in like manner.)

Elys (eels) par le bolk, vjd.

1 Barrel elys, ijd.

1 Porpeys graunt par ewe (*i.e.* by water) ij^{d}. and petit jd.

Canefas (canvas) de Bretayne et ores cloth, c., ijd.

Fysh de pet et de blakeney*, c., iijd. ceste a savoir vjs. iiijd., par j c.

Et pour codfish deux ventz (?) p. un iiijd.

1 last heryng de stone, iiijd. (One load of herring of one stone, 4d.)

Et pour ij on un barel, ½d.

1 last de red heryng meysed caded (measured in cades ?) iiijd.

Et pour ij ou un meyse, ob (and for two or one measure, ½d.)

Et pour v. cades¶ jd., and per checun cade desus, ¼d.

Et pour iij cades sur un cheval, ¼d. (and for three barrels on a horse, ¼d.)

Blak sope, 1 barel jd.

4 cas sope de Spayne, ijd.

1 Tonne Oyle de Luschebon (Lisbon) de Syvyle (Seville) ou de vyn egre (vinegar), le ton, iiijd.

Talws (tallows) j weye, ijd.

Fylas (thread), c., jd.

Coton, sponny (spun), c., viijd. ; et pour ij ou iij li., ¼d.

Coton wolle, c., iijd. ; et pour ij ou iij li, ¼d.

Cordewane (Spanish leather) pour j dos., jd.

Rasyns pour j doz. lb., ½d.

An Oxhyde, jd.

A cow hyde, ½d.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 6.]

[*Folio* 7. *Marked C.*]

A bale of Pepyr and alle merchandyse of sotit (fine) were that is sold by the li. the c. vxx li viijd.

And for ij or iijli., qt. (¼d.)

Itm. for j Sowple* Fyges and Reysens ob.

Itm. for j Bale Oatys ijd.

For j c. lb. Almandes ijd. And for j. quart, ob. ; and between xxviij. lb. and vjlb. qt. (¼d.)

For j c. lb. of Rys yn the same maner.

Bawdekyns j. pece jd. (Richly embroidered or brocaded fabric, generally "cloth of gold.")

Cloth of gold, j. pece iiijd.

Fressh cloth, j. pece jd.

Mentlys (mantles), a mentyl j. quart (¼d.)

Beir a last iiijd. ; and for each barel ob.

Osemund,†† j. barel, jd.

Buksryn, j c., jd. (Bucks-iron ?)

Grete barelys stel vjd. (Great bars of steel, 6d.)

Genat (?) barel stel iiijd.

Clogges j c., jd.

Clogges letheryd j c., ijd.

*These terms require elucidation.

¶ Cade : a barrel of 500 herrings or 1,000 sprats.

†† Osmund. An obscure word, said to mean "a bloom of iron produced in an Osmund furnace."

Ston Maydeston par le bolk de nef, iiijd.

Ston de Borewelle par charge de charett, jd.

Ston de Kame par le bolk de nef, iiijd.

Flandres tyl, j. mille jd.

[It. c. footston marble, ijd.]*

Itm. j. m. pument, jd.

[It. c. footston jd.]*

Lym (lime) par le bolk, iiijd.

Nayl, that comth yn to the land, j. barel ijd.

Gryndyng stones of iiij. fote and above, jd.

And zif it be lesse, ob.

Led, j. fother. iiijd. and par j.c., quart.

Tyn j c., jd.

Coles, j. chaldre, jd.

Fullying erthe, for the bolk, iiijd., et par charge de charette, jd. et de cheval, quart.

(Fulling earth, for the bulk, 4d., and by the load 1d., and a horseload, ¼d.)

Lana le livre, j. quart (Wool, the pound, ¼d.)

It. for j. pece brod woll cloth 1d. ; and for j. pece streyt, ob.

[*End of Folio* 7.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 7.]

Itm. of alle maner corn that comth by watere for the bolk of every greyn, iiijd.

Every schyp that comth yn with any charge shal payen iiijd. and for his bot ijd.

Tasel (? teazels) for fullers, j. staf, j quart.

Itm. un hors that comth with fysh or flesh to toune or ony other fetayles (victuals) charged, ob.

Heryng (herring) that comth yn scheps, be it fresh or powdred (smoked), par last iiijd. ‡ and di last ijd. et par j. quart jd. and par checun m. ob.

Itm. a carte that comth to towne charged with heryng yn to market shal payen for the heryng ijd., and for the carte ijd. zyf he be schod, and zyf he be bare, jd. for the custume ; and zif the carte be his owne nauzt (naught) payen for the carte.

Itm. Salffel (hide) comende (coming) to towne by londe raw, for j. dos., jd. ; and barket (tanned), dos. jd. ob. (1½d.)

* Interpolated in a slightly later handwriting.

‡ A last of herring is 20 barrels.

Salffel yt passyth owte be watre yn ye same manere.

Thromes (thrums) c ijd. and for j c. li iiijd.

Talwode (firewood) that goth owt by watere for m. jd., and zif it come be carte j. quart.

Tymber for the lode, jd.

Schyngel (wooden tiles) for ml jd.

Lathes hert for ml jd.

Lathes sup. for ml ob.

Spokes, j. gang (?) j. quart.

Bark of Okes, j. quart, quart.

Bark of Walnote, j. quart, jd.

Alderne (alder) bark for j. lod jd. ; and fer j. hors lode j quart.

Okene (oaken) bord for j. c. fet. jd. and if it be sold be the lode withowtyn metyng (measuring) paien iiijd.

Popler bord and al otter nesschebord (? soft wood) that comth to towne, for j. c. fet ob., and for j carte ful more or lesse ijd.

Ballard Ston (ballast stone) and other smal ston gaderyd, for ye bolk, jd.

An oxe, jd.

A cow, ob.

A schep, quart.

A calf, quart.

For ij. lambren (lambs) quart.

A skyne of a schep, that is to wetene (to wit) j dos. from scheryng yn to myhelmesse (from shearing-time to Michaelmas) 1d. ob. ; and from that tyme yn to scheryng, dos. iijd. Lambsel ye dos. yorwzout the zer, jd. and iij quart (Lambs' wool, the dozen, throughout the year, 1¾d.)

Botre for a barel, ijd. ; and an herde that bryngeth a trowz with botre ech day payen, ob. (Butter, for a barrel 2d. ; and a labourer who brings a trough [or tray] with butter each day, to pay ½d.)

Chese for j. weghe, ijd. ; and an herde or oyerman (other man) for ech day, ob.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 7.]

[*Folio* 8. *Marked* **D.**]

And another that bryngeth chese valu vjd, quart.

An hog, j. quart (¼d); and for a flyche (flitch) i qt (¼d.)

A pyg or ij, j qt.

Caponys (capons), ate value of vjd, j qt (i.e. ¼d for sixpennyworth).

Hennys or chekenys, ate value vjd, j qt.

Eyren (eggs) ate the value of vjd, j qt.

Gees to the value of vjd, j qt; and yey he brynge an horse charge, ob (Geese, sixpennyworth ¼; and if he bring a horse-load, ½d).

Yonge gees goselyng, yn ye same manere.

Feysaunts (pheasants) partreches (partridges) malardes, tolys (teal), and stykkes of Bryddes (? storks) and all Wyldfoul, same manere.

Faget (Faggot-wood), j c., jd. Talwode (firewood), j m., ijd Chyppes, j lode, j quart; and heth lode, j qt

Hey, a lode, jd.

An hors jd; and a mere (mare) ob.; and a colt, j qt.

Fannes (? fans for winnowing grain) a pec j quart (¼d. apiece.)

Bussel tres (Brush wood?) an hors charge, ob.

Syvys (? sieves) an hors charge, ob.

Bollys (bowls) and cuppys yn the salme maner.

Pottys of erthe, a carful, jd.

Trowys (troughs) a cartelode, ijd.; and horslode, ob.

Slyper(? drags or brake shoes)an hors charge, ob.

A man that is fre and be fela to a stranger and the good nouzt departyd it (? is) custumable. (If a man be a free man and partner with a stranger, and the goods be not his separate property they are customable.)

A custumer no schal nouzt takyn of no man for non vitayles to his houshold, no to arayment of hys body. (The customs collector shall not take custom of a man for any victuals for his own household use, nor for raiment for his body.)

Zyf ther be zovyn to a man a carte for to com yn to the toun for to takyn his charge, the owener schal payen for the godes and the cartere fre. (If there be given to a man a cart to come into the town with to convey his load [of goods], the owner shall pay for the goods and the carter shall be free).

Teyl (tile) that comth by lande to the toun, m. ob.

Apples, perys (pears) and other maner froyt, hors. ob. (½d. per horseload.)

Apples, perys, and other maner ate value vjd. j qt.

Of alle maner cornys hard that comth to the toun, a pynte of a bussel; and for malt and ote a pynte be hepe. (Of all manner of hard corn that cometh to the town, one pint per bushel [is taken as customs duty], and for malt and oats a pint of every heap.)

Redynge or oker, hors charge, ob.

He that comth with lampes or vyoles to toun on hors or on fote for charge, ob.

Zyf a carte comth passynge zorwz (through) ye toun with certeyn merchaundyzes and nothyng sellyth ijd.

[*End of Folio* 8.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 8. (D).]

Zyf an hors come thoruz toune charged and non sale, ob. (If a horse go through the town laden, and nothing be sold, ½d.)

And zif a man come to towne with a fardel ate his bak other a male with mercerye and goth or stant yn the toun to schewyn hys ware for ech day, ob. (And if a man come to town with a pack at his back, or a bag, with mercery, and goes or stands in the town to show his ware, for each day, ½d.)

Zyf a bot come yn from the werys wyth fysh, or fysch hoked for the bot, jd.

These be the names of Craftes:

Sadelers, Spycers, Smethes, Forwarders.

Taylours nouzt to payen but they byen or sellyn (Tailors to pay nothing unless they buy or sell).

Peyntours Dyers Quyltemakers
Habyrdasschers, Cordewaners,
Skynners, Sellers of Patyns,
Armorers, } Forward',

Furbusshers (furbishers) nouzt payen but he byen and sellen.

Lattoners, Pewtrers, Parchemyn makers.

Cardemakers, Sporyers (spur-makers), Forward.

Bookbynderys no scryveners nougt payen (Bookbinders or scriveners are to pay nothing).

Turnours, Sowpers,
Bakerys, Barkers (tanners) } Forwarders.
Bowyers, Flechers,

Masons, nouzt payen, but he bye or selle.

Iremongers, Clogmakers,
Mustarders, Joynours, } Forwarders.

Carpenters no Kervers (carvers) non payen but he bye.

Bochers, Chaundlers,
Hoksters, Gannokers,
Whelwryghtes, Bellemakers, } Forwarders.
Potmakers, Goldsmeths,

Alle other Smethys what myster (trade).

A Farcost that comth charged wyth Oysters or Muskelys or Kokkelys or wyth Sprot, of the bolk, iiijd.; and of a bot, ijd.

Zyf a foreyn come with sweche certeyne vitaylles, he schal havyn a mesure of the toun to metyn by. (If a foreigner come with such certain victuals [as have been specified], he shall have a Town measure to measure by.)

[*End of Dorse of Folio 8.*]

[*Folio 9, Marked E., blank.*]

LEGAL MNEMONICS.†

[*Dorse of Folio 6 (E).*]—[This entry made about the time of Richard II., is, I suspect, the work of Michael Aunger, Town Clerk at that period, and Member of Parliament for Colchester in several Parliaments, whose quaint entries have already been commented upon in the Red Paper Book]:—

Dies communes in Banco.

Mic. | oc. | quin. | tres. | men | hinc crast. am. | eras. mar. | oc. | et quin.

Hil. | oc. | quin. | era. pur. oc. | hinc pask. quin. | tres | men | et quinque.

Trin. | oc. | quin. | Jon. o. | quin. | numerando diebus in istis.

Nona die sequitur communiter ordine litis.

Dies Communes in dote.

Pasch. quin. crast. asc. un. sunt un. trin. era. Johannis.

Quinta die dote sequitur quoniam doceo te.

[The translation of the first of these mnemonics, as nearly as it can be rendered, is as follows]:—

Common Days in Bench.

Octave of Michaelmas, quinzaine, three [weeks], month, then to the Morrow of All Souls (crastino Animarum), morrow of St. Martin, octave, quinzaine, Octave of Hilary, quinzaine, morrow of the Purification, the octave, then the quinzaine of Easter, three [weeks], month, and five [weeks], Octave of Trinity, quinzaine, Octave of St. John Baptist, quinzaine. In counting up in those days, [the day] of the suit commonly follows on the ninth day in order in the list [inclusive],

[In order to make this clear it is necessary to set forth the order of the list thus:—

1. Octave of Michaelmas, Oct. 6.
2. Quinzaine of Michaelmas, Oct. 13.
3. Three weeks after Michaelmas, Oct. 20.
4. One month after Michaelmas, Oct. 27.
5. Morrow of All Souls, Nov. 3.
6. Morrow of St. Martin, Nov. 13.
7. Oct. of St. Martin, Nov. 18.
8. Quinzaine of St. Martin, Nov. 25.
9. Oct. of Hilary, Jan. 20.
10. Quinzaine of Hilary, Jan. 27.
11. Morrow of Purification, Feb. 3.
12. Oct. of Purification, Feb. 9.
13. Quinzaine of Easter, May 1.
14. Three weeks after Easter, May 8.
15. One month after Easter, May 15.
16. Five weeks after Easter, May 22.
17. Octave of Trinity, June 19.
18. Quinzaine of Trinity, June 26.
19. Oct. of St. John Baptist, July 3.
20. Quinzaine of St. John Baptist, July 10.

Thus if a writ were delivered in the octave of Michaelmas (No. 1), taking the ninth date following in the list (inclusive) it will be found that the day of return will be No. 9, the octave of Hilary. Or if the writ were delivered on the quinzaine of St. Martin, (No. 8) the day of return would be No. 16, five weeks after Easter. The list is a circular one, that is to say if the writ were delivered in the octave of St. John Baptist (No. 19), you must go back to the beginning to make up the nine

days, and you will find that No. 7, the octave of St. Martin, (No. 6) is the day given. These dates are all exactly fixed as stated by the Statute of 51 Henry III. (A.D. 1266) Stat. 2, entitled " Dies communes in Banco." The mnemonic is in fact a synopsis of that statute.]

The translation of the second mnemonic is more difficult. This appears to be correct :—

Common Days in Action of Dower.

The day five weeks after Easter [May 22], and the morrow of the Ascension [May 26] count as one; add one day in Trinity, namely the morrow of St. John [June 25]. In actions of dower the day [given for return] comes on the fifth day [inclusive] in the list, as I would have you learn.

[This forms a synopsis of Stat. 3 of 51 Henry III., entitled " Dies communes in Banco in placito dotis." In a writ of dower the process was quicker. Thus if a writ were served on the octave of Michaelmas (No. 2 in the list), you will find the day on which the writ is returnable by referring to the fifth day following in the list. So the day given for return would be No. 5 (the morrow of All Souls). But if the writ were served on the octave of the Purification (No. 12 in the list) the day given would be the morrow of the Ascension, which, in this process, takes the place of No. 16, the five weeks after Easter. And if the writ were served in the month after Easter(No. 15) the day given would be not No. 19, the octave of St. John Baptist, but the morrow of St. John Baptist, which, as warned by the mnemonic, you must add after the quinzaine of Trinity. These dates are all given, exactly as arranged for by this mnemonic, in the statute referred to. It was a confusing system, and the Town Clerk's hexameters hardly helped to make the confusion less confounded.]*

* I am indebted to Mr. E. K. Francis, solicitor, of Colchester, for valuable help and research in solving the meaning of these curious entries.

OF PERSONS ADMISSIBLE AND NOT ADMISSIBLE TO BAIL.†

[A *Latin Entry*:]

Of those who are unbailable (Irreplegiabiles) and Bailable, according to what is contained in the Statutes, Westminster, Chapter 1, 16th [year ?]

These are Unbailable :—

Prisoners previously outlawed, and those who have previously abjured the realm. Approvers. Persons taken with stolen goods (cum manuopere). Breakers of the King's prison. Thieves suspected of violence (nocere suspecti). Persons accused by approvers, during the approver's lifetime, unless they be of good report. Incendiaries of houses. Falsifiers of the King's coin. Falsifiers of the King's seal. Excommunicated persons by desire of Bishops (supplicatione episcoporum). Persons caught in open crime. On account of sedition touching the King.

These are Bailable :—

Persons indicted of thefts (latrociniis) by inquest (inquisitionem) before the Sheriff or Bailiffs, on light suspicion, or accused of petty larceny (parvo latrocinio) which does not exceed 1s., or that value, unless they have been accused of another larceny before that time, or of harbouring felons (de receptamento felonum) . . . or by force feloniously made. Or persons accused of other trespass for which a man ought not to lose life or limb.

A man accused by an approver, after the same approver's death, unless he be a notorious thief and has been notoriously captured for theft. Let them be allowed to go on sufficient bail, to answer to the Sheriff or Bailiff, and this without any gift of their own part, under penalty of the Statute aforesaid and a certain deed of the King, made to the commonalty of the realm and dated the 2nd April, 27 Edward I.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 9. (E).]

EXPLANATIONS OF SAXON AND OTHER TERMS.

[*Folio* 10. *Marked F.*]—[This *Latin Entry*, which is headed "Explanaciones Vocabulorum," appears to be copied from some ancient glossary in common use amongst law students. The definitions are, for the most part, identical in wording with those which appear in "An exposition of certaine difficult and obscure words and terms of the laws of this realme." This work was first printed about 1570. It has been attributed to John Rastell, Serjeant at Law, but whoever the compiler was, he does not state the source of his information. This entry was made about the year 1375. Its translation is as follows]:—

Soke. This is suit concerning homages (secta de homagiis) in your court, according to the custom of the Kingdom.

Sak. This is a plea and amends [taken] of trespass (emende de transgr) of homage in your court; because *sak* the English word is *achesoun** in French; and hence comes *forsithesak*, that is "for such prosecution" (pour quele encheson*) and *sak* is called "by forfet)."

Tol. This is that you and your men of the whole of your homage (homagio) shall be quit concerning toll (de tolneto) in all markets to wit for things bought and sold.

Them. This is that you shall have the whole offspring of your villeins (quod habeatis totam generacionem villanorum) with their suits and their chattels, wheresoever in England they shall be found, except that if any quit bondman (nativus quietus) shall have remained for one year and one day in any other privileged town, so that he shall have been received into their commons, to wit to guild (ad gildam) and as though a citizen (et tanquam civis), let the same person be freed from villeinage (sit ipse a villenagio liberatus).

Infangthef. This is that thieves taken in your demesne or fee (in dominico vel in feodo vestro) and convicted of their larceny, shall be judged in your Court.

Outfangenthef. This is that thieves upon your land or your fee, taken outside the same with the larceny, shall be returned to your Court and shall be judged there.

Homsoken. This is quittance concerning americiaments for entry of dwelling-houses violently (pro ingressu hospiciorum violenter) and without licence, contrary to the peace of the King; and that pleas may be held of these trespasses committed in your land, in your Court.

Grithbruche. This is that thou mayest be quit concerning the peace of the King broken, since *grith* in English is *pax* in Latin, and *pes* Roman* (romane); [and] *briche (sic)* in English, is *frenite* (fracture or infringement?) in Roman.

Blodwyte. This is quittance concerning amerciaments for blood shed, and that ye may hold a plea thereon in your Court, and may have amerciaments thence forthcoming, for *wyte* in English is *misericordia* in Latin.

Plight Wyte. This is quittance concerning amerciaments for fray (de amerciamentis pro medleta) and that you may hold thereon pleas in your court, and may have amerciaments thence forthcoming, for *plight* in England is *medle* (medley or conflict) in Roman.

Flit Wyte. ‡ This is quittance concerning contention and clamours (de contencione et conviciis) and that you may hold pleas thereon in your court and may have amerciaments thence, for *flite* (quarrel or contention) in English is *tensoun* in Roman.

[N.B. *Tence* or *tenceizon* is Old French for "quarrel."]

Ferd Wyte.§ This is quittance concerning amerciaments when any fugitive outlaw comes to the peace of the lord King of his own will or licensed (licenciatus).

* achesoun, encheson = judicial prosecution, cause of suit.

* "Roman" means early French, "pes" standing for "paix."

‡ Called "Fletwit" in the "Exposition" already referred to.

§ Called "Fledwit" in the "Exposition."

Flemenfreme. This is that you may have the chattels of a man of yours who is a fugitive (quod habeatis catalla hominis vestri fugitivi).

Leyrewyte. This is that you may take amends from him who defiles your bond-woman without your licence (quod capiatis emendacionem ab eo qui corrip^t nativam vestram sine licencia vestra).

Childwyte. This is that you may take compensation concerning your bond-woman defiled and with child without your licence (quod capiatis gersumam de nativa vestra corrupta et impregnata sine licencia vestra).

Forstal. This is quittance concerning amerciaments in respect of chattels arrested within your land or arrested outside it, and that you may hold and have pleas thereon in your court, concerning these chattels arrested within your land, and the amerciaments thence forthcoming.

Geld. This is quittance concerning servile customs (consuetudinibus servilibus) which were formerly wont to be given, such as *horngilde* and the like.

[*End of Folio* 10 (*F*). *Continuation on Dorse*].

Hidage. This is quittance if the King has taxed his whole land by hides (per hydas).

Skot. This is quittance concerning a certain custom of scot (scocti) of a common tallage made for the service of the Sheriff or of other Bailiffs.

Caruage. This is quittance if the King has taxed his whole land by carucates.

Danegilde. This is quittance concerning a certain custom which used sometime to run (que currebat aliquo tempore), because formerly the Danes (daci) raised [it] in England.

Horngilde. This is quittance concerning a certain custom by tallage through the whole land, to wit from each person according to his horned beasts.

Wapentak. This is quittance concerning suit to the hundred which is called *Wapentak.*

Lestage. This is quittance concerning a certain custom exacted in fairs or markets.

Stallage. This is quittance concerning a certain custom exacted for places taken or assigned in fairs or markets.

Scet . . . g * This is quittance concerning attachments in a certain court, before certain persons, concerning plaints shown and not advowed (de querelis ostensis et non advocatis.)

Mishernigge. This is quittance concerning amerciaments and plaints (querelis) proved from one place to another (transumptive) in court before certain persons.

Miskenning. This is *mesprise de parole ou de feit* (mistake of word or of fact).

Burghbriche. This is quittance concerning trespasses committed against the peace in a city or a borough.

Wardwyte. This is quittance concerning customs made for wards.

Averpeny. This is quittance for moneys payable for cattle (averiis) of the lord king.

Hundredepeny. This is quittance concerning monies payable, or other customs to be done, to provosts of hundreds (propositis hundredorum).

Bordpeny. This is quittance concerning a certain custom exacted for raised tables.

Tuthingpeny. This is quittance concerning tallage detained (?) by custom (detene per consuetudinem).

Burghbote. This is quittance concerning assistance to be given for providing for (ad respiciendum) a borough, castle, city, or walls fallen down (prostratos).

Bringgebote. (sic) This is quittance concerning assistance to be given for repair of bridges.

Fridesokene. This is to have view of frankpledge.

Flemenefrenth. This is to have the chattels of fugitives.

Note that *frithborgum* is the greatest part by which all farm-holders are sustained in

* An injury to the parchment makes this word illegible. In the "Exposition" the same definition is given under the word "*Shewing.* In Henry I.'s charter to St. John's Abbey, Colchester, the word is "*scewinge.*"

that condition, under force of suretyship (fidejussionis) because what the inhabitants of York call *tememale* is the number of ten men, and this is said because all men of every vill of the whole Kingdom ought to be under suretyship in ten (sub decimali fidejussione). So that if one has done amiss, nine shall bring accusation against him.—*[End of Dorse of Folio 10 (F)]*.

[This last entry is from the so-called laws of Edward the Confessor, supposed to have been compiled about the time of William Rufus. The usual text states that what is called in English "frithborgas," the inhabitants of York call "tenmannetal." According to Stubbs, there was a system of rule by "an association of ten men under a common responsibility, legally embodied in the frithborg or frankpledge." (Stubbs' Constitutional History S 41, I. 87.)]

CONCERNING THE ANCIENT ALLOWANCE OF £7 A YEAR FROM THE ANNUAL FEE FARM RENT. †

RECORDS OF LENGTHY LITIGATION IN THE REIGNS OF EDWARD III., RICHARD II., AND HENRY IV. †

[Folio 11. *Marked G. Latin.]*—Seeing that it is necessary and useful to all Bailiffs and commonalties of whatsoever borough or town, possessing liberties, not only of ancient time but of now, made and granted to them for the common profit by various Kings or their progenitors, to have, written down in their possession, the names, acts, liberties, favours (beneficia), grants, or allowances of those Kings, who have granted such things to them and to recall them to perpetual memory, and to safe-keep them in their memorials of records in their depository of valuable matters (in thesauro suo), so that there may endure therein an entire and full knowledge as to the form and tenour of the grants of the aforesaid Kings thus made and granted to them, in case of necessity compelling the same Bailiffs and commonalty to exhibit, declare, and adduce these liberties, favours, grants and allowances, so made and granted, in future times to other Kings, or to their council, or to any other persons.

For that reason let there a full statement be set down in the following pages (plenarie inferius sit mencio) concerning the farm of the town of Colchester and of the allowances and grants of the same, and the causes of such allowances made and granted to the men of the town aforesaid, in the times of very many of the Kings of England.

RECORD OF HENRY THE THIRD'S WRIT, MAKING ALLOWANCE OF £6 ANNUALLY OF THE FEE FARM RENT, A.D. 1270.†

The King to his Barons of the Exchequer greeting. Know ye that at the instance of our worthy men of Colchester (proborum hominum nostrorum de Colcestr') we have granted them that £6 [per annum] which had been allowed to them at our Exchequer in several years in our time, in the farm of our town, to wit, £4 for default of moneyers, and 40s. for default of our wood in Kyngeswode, as far as the 28th year of our reign, shall in future be allowed to them as they were formerly wont to be allowed in the farm aforesaid, and that the moneys wherewith they have been charged at the Exchequer aforesaid, in the matter of the aforesaid allowance, not yet made to them for the period aforesaid, shall be allowed to them in the arrears of the farm aforesaid, as much as belongs to the allowance aforesaid. And therefore we command you that ye shall cause it to be so done and enrolled. Witness myself at Westminster, July 27, in the 54th year of our reign. (1270).

[The allowance of £4 a year from the annual fee farm rent payable to the King, in respect of four moneyers is in reference to the withdrawal from Colchester, at a early period, of the ancient right of coining money by four moneyers. The allowance of £2 a year in respect of King's Wood has reference to the wood which had formerly been part of the fee farm of the borough, but was taken from the town by Henry II. It was restored by Henry VIII.]

THE WRIT IS LOST, BUT ITS EXISTENCE IS PROVED.†

A GRANT TO THE HERMIT OF ST. JAMES.†

And later (ulterius) the aforesaid men of Colchester, in order to find the aforesaid writ in the Exchequer aforesaid for the allowance had thereafter of the aforesaid money, caused examination to be made there in an infinite number of writs on various matters. But no such writ could be found there. Nevertheless in the roll of the 55th year of Henry III., (1270-1), under "Item Essex et Hertford," mention is fully made of the writ aforesaid. And of this roll the following is a copy :—

> The men of Colchester return account of £40 sterling for the farm of their town as is contained in Roll No. 40; and of £80 of the same for two years—[*End of Folio* 11 (G). *Continuation on Dorse.*]—preceding. In the Treasury, nothing. And in the alms ordained (et in elemosina constituta) for the monks of Colchester, 20s. And to the Hermit of Saint James, 15s. 2½d. (Et anachorite (*sic*) sancti Jacobi, xv. s. ijd ob.)* And in the same allowances £3..16s. 5d. for the two preceding years. And in default of four moneyers, £4. And in default of the wood of Kynggeswode, 40s., by writ of the King, wherein it is contained that the said two allowances shall be allowed to them as they have previously been wont to be allowed, to the 28th year (1243-4) after which the said allowance stopped for the years following. And in the aforesaid allowances £3 in the latter half of the year preceding. And they owe £106..8s..7½d. But look back under "Item Essex et Hertford."

IN 1371 A WRIT IS SENT TO RECOVER ARREARS FROM COLCHESTER.†

In which year £7 from the farm aforesaid, for the causes before-written, were allowed as an annual allowance to the aforesaid men, and later on up to the 45th year of Edward III. (1371), in which year the same King sent his writ to the Sheriff of Essex for arrears of the said £7 [a year], in these words :—

> Edward, by the grace of God, King of England and France and Lord of Ireland, to the Sheriff of Essex, greeting. We command you that you shall not, on account of the liberty of the town of Colchester, omit to make entry into the same, and you shall cause to be raised, from the lands and chattels of the men of the town aforesaid, in your bailwick, £231, which they owe to us for the farm of the town aforesaid and it arrears, so that you shall have those monies at our Exchequer at Westminster on the Octave of St. Martin [Nov. 18] to be paid to us there. And you shall then have there this writ. Witness, T. de Lodelowe, at Westminster, October 21, in the 46th year of our reign over England and the 33rd of our reign over France. (1372)

From the Great Roll of Edenesouere.

THE CLAIM RESISTED BY THE BAILIFFS AND COMMONALTY.†

And afterward the aforesaid men of Colchester came to the Exchequer aforesaid before the Barons, with their counsel, and sought allowance of their farm (rent) as it had been made to them from time whereof the memory does not remain, and they showed and exhibited various accounts concerning the aforesaid allowances, as more plainly appears in these words :—

> The men of Colchester owe £40 for the farm of their town which was set at £42 as is contained in the roll of the 15th Roll of the King's father, and in the first roll of the present King. And £238 from past years ; total £280. In the Treasury £105, in three tallies; and in the alms ordained to the monks of Colchester £10 from the 39th to the 48th years, and for the year following this 48th year, namely 20s. per annum ; and in default of four moneyers £40 for the same period, namely £4 per annum ; and in default of the wood of Kyngeswode for the same period, £20, namely 40s. per annum; as is contained in the eleventh roll, and in the second and fifty-fifth rolls of King Henry, and of Philippa, formerly Queen of England, the King's [Edward III.] consort,—[*End of Dorse of Folio* 11 (*G*). *Continuation on Folio* 12, *marked H.*]—whose King on the 23th August, in the 33rd year (1359) granted, amongst other grants £35, to be had from the farm of the town aforesaid, during the whole lifetime of the same Queen, £105 for the 40th, 41st, and 42nd years, by Writ of the King, which is among the commons, in the 34th year, Michaelmas term,

* This "allowance" seems to have dropped out of the claim, probably because the hermit had ceased to exist.

concerning which Richard Ravesere*, receiver of the monies of the same Queen, is debited (oneratur) in his accounts, in keeping of the present King's Remembrancer. And they are quit in the Great Roll of the 48th Edward III.

IN 1397-8 RICHARD II. CLAIMS PAYMENT OF THE FULL £42 A YEAR FROM COLCHESTER.†

And afterwards in the 21st year of Richard II., the King sent to the Sheriff of Essex a writ of *scire facias* in these words :—

The King to the Sheriff, greeting, &c., Whereas by summons from our Exchequer demand is made (exigantur) for £42 a year from the men of Colchester, from their fee farm, from October 1st, in the 10th year of our reign, as is contained in the Great Roll of the 20th year of our reign under "Essex and Hertford."

And William Bateman, Sheriff of our counties aforesaid, present in the court of our said Exchequer on the Octave of Trinity in the 21st year of our reign (1397-8) in his accounts of his office of Sheriff aforesaid, viz. from Michaelmas, 1396, to Michaelmas, 1397, was charged in respect of the farm aforesaid in the total sum due from him, as is contained in the Great Roll aforesaid; and afterward, namely, on the quinzaine of Michaelmas day, 1397, the aforesaid William Bateman, present in our court aforesaid, in his petitions concerning his account aforesaid, sought, amongst other things, to be discharged of £7 of the farm of Colchester, for the reason that the men of Colchester ought to have allowance of £7, each year, namely, £2 in default of Kingswode, £1 for the allowance to the monks at Colchester, and £4 in default of four moneyers, as they were wont to be allowed time out of mind, namely, in the 32nd and 33rd Henry II. (1185-1186) and various other years preceding, as the said Sheriff declared; and because he had received nothing, during the year of his account, of the said £7, as he declared on his oath; of which £7, by decision of the Barons of the Exchequer, the said William Bateman is discharged in his account, for the causes before stated.

And now, because it seems to us that it will be consonant with justice that the men of Colchester shall be charged again with the farm of £42 a year, or that they shall show us, if they have or know anything to say for themselves why they should not again be charged with the full sum of £42, we command you that you shall not omit, etc., and by worthy and lawful men of your bailiwick, you shall cause the said men of Colchester to know that they shall appear before our Barons of the Exchequer, on the quinzaine of Hilary, to show, etc.,—*[End of Folio 12 (H). Continuation on Dorse.]*—at the same place if they have or know anything to say for themselves why they should not be charged with the full sum of £42, &c.

* Richard Ravensere, afterwards Archdeacon of Lincoln. He is generally described as "King's clerk." He held many offices under Richard II.

THE ACTION FALLS THROUGH BY THE DEPOSITION OF RICHARD II.†

On which day the men of the town, namely, Thomas Godeston, Thomas Fraunceys [Bailiffs in 1398-9], John Seburgh [Bailiff in 1396], and John Dyere [Bailiff in 1397], by their attorney, James Andrew, came and pleaded that they were not fully informed at present to reply in the premisses, and they asked a later day by the court's favour, so that they might be better informed. And so they were granted the fullest number of days, as appears in the memorials of 1398-9, among the records of Michaelmas Term, ex parte the Remembrancer of the Treasury. Which written record appears in full. Within which days [allowed for adjournment of the case] the King [Richard II.] ceased from governance of the Kingdom (cessavit de regimine regni). Through whose discontinuance the aforesaid suit (loquela) remained "sine die."

HENRY IV. RENEWS THE CLAIM.†

And afterward, Henry IV. sent anew to the Sheriff of Essex an exactly similar Writ of *scire facias*, &c., as more fully appears in the Roll aforesaid, a copy of which follows below.

Which men of Colchester came thereupon, and sought the fullest number of days, by the Court's favour, for the cause aforesaid.

PETITION TO THE KING IN NORMAN FRENCH.†

Within which days they made suit to the King by bill (per billam), of which a copy follows thus :—

Supplient voz humbles lieges, si vous plest, les Baillifs et la comunalte de votre ville de Colchestre que come ils et lour predecessours, de temps dount memorie ne court, ount tenutz votre dite ville en aucune temps pour la fee ferme de xlij livrez come appiert en votre Eschequier par record. De quele somme, puis le temps de memorie et devaunt, tanque ore tard par ordenaunce de Sr. William Lescrop nadgures Tresorer dengleterre, ils ont ew allowance de sept livres en votre dit Eschequier, a causes de soulb escriptz, cest a savoir pour defaute de quatre moneours, quatre livres ; pour defaute de boys de Kyngeswode, quarant solidz ; en almoine ordeine et done par diverses Roys, voz progenitours, a les moignes de Colchestr' vynt souldz ; come appiert par record de tout le temps de voz noblez progenitours, cest assavoir detemps le Roy Henry le secounde, jadys roy dengleterre, tanqz. al temps que le dit William le Scrop, en temps de Roy Richard, nadgaires Roy dengleterre, voz ditz Burgeys fist enquieter et grever encountre les aunciens allowances suisditz. Please a votre tres excellent, tres redoute, et trespuissant seigneurie, de voter pluis habundant grace, de graunter un brief direct a les Barouns de votre dit Eschequier, pour faire pleyn allowance a voz ditz suppliauntz de les ditz sept livres pour les causes avaunt ditz, si bien de temps passe come de temps avener, eaux comaundant que les ditz* suppliaunts ne lour successours ne soient enpeches ne grevez encountre lour aunciens allowancez mes ent estre quitez a toutz jours. Pour dieu et en occasione de charite.

* [*End of Dorse of Folio 12 (II.) The conclusion of the entry is at the head of Folio 13 (marked I)*]

[*Translation.*]

Pray your humble lieges, if it please you, the Bailiffs and the commonalty of your town of Colchester, that as they and their predecessors, from time of which memory runs not, have held your said town at every time for the fee farm of £42, as appears in your Exchequer, by record; of which sum, since time of memory, and before, until lately by ordinance of Sir William Lescrop, formerly Treasurer of England, they have had allowance of £7 in your said Exchequer, for causes below written, that is to say for default of four moneyers, £4; for default of the wood of Kyngeswode, 40s.; in alms ordained and given by various Kings, your progenitors, to the monks of Colchester, 20s.; as appears by record of all the time of your noble progenitors, that is to say from the time of King Henry II., formerly King of England, until the time when the said William le Scrop, in the time of King Richard, late King of England, caused your said Burgesses to be disquieted and burdened contrary to the ancient allowances aforesaid. May it please your very excellent, very redoutable, and very powerful lordship, of your more abundant grace, to grant a Writ addressed to the Barons of your said Exchequer, to make full allowance to your said suppliants of the said £7, for the causes above stated, as well for time past as for time to come, commanding them that neither the said suppliants nor their successors be compelled or burdened contrary to their ancient allowances, but that they be quit thereon always. For God, and for the sake of charity.

[*Folio* 13 (*I*). *Latin*]—

THE PETITION REFERRED TO THE KING'S COUNCIL.†

Which bill the same King caused to be endorsed and granted it if his great council were willing to consent to it, and upon this he delivered the aforesaid bill to his brother, the Earl of Somerset, and commanded him to consult thereon with his Great Council, to see and to hear the evidences of the men aforesaid, and to do them justice herein.

THE MEN OF COLCHESTER PRODUCE DOCUMENTS AND EVIDENCE.†

And later the aforesaid men [of the town of Colchester] came before the

great council of the King and showed and adduced to them many evidences and allowances of various Kings, from time out of mind, made to them. And they showed a charter (cartam) under the Great Seal of Edward III., of which a copy follows thus :—

Edward by the grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, and Duke of Aquitaine, to his beloved Bailiffs and worthy men of the town of Colchester, in the county of Essex, greeting. Whereas amongst other things which we have given to our dearest mother Isabella, Queen of England, we have granted and assigned her to have for the whole of her lifetime and we will give, grant, and assign to her, £35, of the annual farm of the town aforesaid, to have from Michaelmas last past, for the whole lifetime of our same mother, as is more fully contained in letters patent made thereon to our mother aforesaid. We command you that from the date aforesaid, ye be amenable and answerable (intendentes et respondentes) to the same our mother according to the tenour of our aforesaid letters patent. For it is our will that from the same date ye shall be discharged thereon as regards ourself. In witness whereof we have caused these letters patent to be made. Witness myself at Westminster, Nov. 20 in the 5th year of our reign. (1331)

THE COUNCIL DECIDES IN FAVOUR OF THE MEN OF COLCHESTER.†

Which evidences, charter and numerous allowances having been seen and heard, and carefully examined by the Great Council aforesaid, in the presence of the Chancellor, Treasurer, and Clerk of the Privy Seal, with the aforesaid Great Conncil, then for the time being, and* by their decision and with unanimous assent, they agreed that the aforesaid Clerk of the Privy Seal, should send a certain letter, under the privy seal, to the Chancellor aforesaid[desiring him] to send to the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer, a certain Writ of the lord King for allowance annually in perpetuity of the aforesaid £7 to the men [of Colchester] aforesaid, and for the entire discharge of them thereon [of the said sum] as well for time past as for the future. Which letter follows in these words :—

[*The letter is in Norman French, the following being a translation.*]

Henry, etc., to the honourable father in God our most honourable cousin the Bishop of Exeter, our Chancellor, greeting.—[*End of Folio* 13 (*I*), *Continuation on Dorse.*] — Our well - beloved Bailiffs and commonalty of Colchester(Colchestre) have shown us how they and their predecessors of ancient time before time of memory, have held our said town for the fee farm of £42 as appears in our Exchequer by record. And whereas, of the said sum, since time of memory, and also before, until lately by the ordinance of William Lescrop, late Treasurer of England, they have had allowance of £7 in our said Exchequer for the causes below written, that is to say :—For default of four moneyers, £4, for default of the wood of Kyngeswode, 40s. ; in the alms ordained and given by various Kings, our progenitors, to the monks of Colchester, 20s. ; as appears by record of all the time of our noble progenitors, that is to say from the time of Henry II., formerly King of England, up to the time when the said William Lescrop, in the time of our very dear lord King Richard, whom God assoil, caused our said burgesses to be disturbed and burdened contrary to the said ancient allowances, according to what we have heard. We therefore desire, with the assent of our Council, and we command you, that by our Writ, made under our Great Seal in due form, you shall give commandment to the Treasurer and Barons of our Exchequer to make full allowance to the said Bailiffs and commonalty of the said £7 for the causes above stated, as well for past time as for time to come, so that neither they nor their successors be deprived or hindered of their ancient allowance, but that they be quit and discharged of it for all time.

Given under my privy seal at Westminster, July 15 in the second year of our reign [1401].

THE CHANCELLOR ORDERS THE ALLOWANCE TO BE MADE BY THE EXCHEQUER.†

And after the Chancellor had received and inspected this letter sent to him on the part of the King, and that the aforesaid King, by the consent of his Great Council, had granted this manner of allowance, if it seemed just to his Great Council for it to be granted, the same Chancellor caused a certain Writ of the

* And. This word is redundant, but as it is in the original, I have not omitted it in the translation.

King to be made, and sent it to the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer in these words:—

Henry, by the grace of God, etc., to the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer, greeting. Whereas our beloved Bailiffs and commonalty of our town of Colchester had held the same town for a fee farm of £42 from time out of mind, as fully appears by record in our Exchequer, they had allowance of £7 from the said £42, from time of memory and before, until lately by ordinance of William Lescrop, late Treasurer of England.—[*End of Derse of Folio* 13 (*I.*) *Continuation on Folio* 14 (*K*).]—[The causes of the allowance are again set forth in full, it being alleged at their conclusion that William Lescrop "Treasurer to our dearest lord and relative, Richard the Second, defunct, caused the men of Colchester, as we have heard, to be disturbed and molested against their ancient allowances."*] We will and command that ye cause full allowance to be made to the Bailiffs and commonalty of the said £7, for the past as well as the future, so that they be not hindered, but be quit in perpetuity. Witness myself at Westminster July 15, 1401. [2 H. IV.]

THE ALLOWANCE OF £7 GRANTED BY THE EXCHEQUER.†

And when this Writ reached the Treasurer and Barons, the Barons sent for the Sergeants of Law of the King's council, and showed the said writ to them. The evidences, charter allowances and writ above recited being moreover seen, and full deliberation had thereon amongst them, it was decided as appears.

Lastly, upon this the aforesaid men of Colchester sought that the annual allowance of £7 should be made to them according to the said charter of their town, as well for past time as for the future, viz., £4 for default of four moneyers; £2 for default of Kyngswode; £1 for the alms ordained to the monks. And the premisses being seen by the Barons and deliberation had thereon amongst them, it was decided that the men of Colchester should have full allowance of the said £7, for past time as well as future; and that they should not be deprived or hindered of their ancient allowance; but should be discharged and quit thereon in perpetuity, according to the Writ aforesaid, saving always the King's action if he wished to say otherwise thereon.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT OF THE FOREGOING LITIGATION.†

EXTRACTED FROM THE OFFICIAL COURT RECORDS.†

[*Latin.*]—Memorandum that here follows the whole process of the matter aforesaid extracted from the memorials amongst the Records of the Exchequer, and delivered to the men [of Colchester] aforesaid.—[*End of Folio* 14 (*K.*)]

[*Dorse of Folio* 14 (*K*) *Latin.*]—Memorandum of the 20th Richard II. (1396-7) amongst the Records of Michaelmas term, in the 26th roll, on the part of the Remembrancer of the Treasury.

Memorandum that when by summons of this Exchequer, £42 per annum were demanded of the men of Colchester, for the farm of their town from October 1, 1386, as is contained in the Great Roll of 1396-7 under "Essex, Hertford," William Bateman, Sheriff of those counties, present here in Court, on the Octave of Trinity, in the year 1398 [21 Richard II.,] upon his account of his office from Michaelmas 1396 (20 Richard II.), to Michaelmas 1387 (21 Richard II.) was charged in respect of the aforesaid farm in his total as is contained in the aforesaid Great Roll. And afterwards, on the quinzaine of Michaelmas, William Bateman, present here in court, on his petitions in respect of his account, sought, among other things, to be discharged of £7 with which he had been charged in regard to the said farm of £42, because the men of Colchester ought to have allowance of such £7 annually, namely for 40s. in default of Kyngeswode, and 20s. for the alms ordained to the monks of Colchester, and £4 in default of four moneyers, so allowed from time out of memory, viz., in the 32nd and 33rd years of the reign of Henry II. (1186 and 1187) and

* William le Scrope, eldest son of Sir Richard le Scrope, was created Earl of Wilts in 1397, and defended Bristol Castle for Richard II., 1399. Being taken, he was beheaded by order of Henry IV. The constant introduction of his name in this business as the oppressor of Colchester, doubtless helped the cause of the town.

various other years preceding, according to the rolls of the same years; and because the said Sheriff received nothing of the aforesaid £7 in the time of his account. Of which £7 William Bateman is discharged in his account for the causes stated. And because it seemed to our Barons that it will be consonant with justice that the said men of Colchester shall be charged to the King with the aforesaid £42 a year, and that they shall show it, if they have or know anything to say for themselves why they ought not to be charged with the complete farm of £42 a year to the King, they ordered summons to issue by the Sheriff, etc., for the said men to appear here on the quinzaine of Hilary, to show, etc. On which day the Sheriff, viz., William Bateman, made return of the Writ endorsed thus :—

> I have caused Thomas Godeston, Thomas Fraunceys, John Seburgh, and John Dyere, merchant, men of the town of Colchester, to know that they are to appear before the Barons of the Exchequer on the quinzaine of Hilary, to show, make, and receive, that which the said brief requires, [served] by John Saxmondham and Robert Stansted.

—[*End of Dorse of Folio* 14. (*K*)].

[*Folio* 15. *L*.]—And on the same quinzaine of Hilary [Jan. 20] the aforesaid men came here by James Andrew, their attorney, and they say that they are not fully informed at present to answer on the premisses; seeking a later day by favour of the Court, by which time they could be able to be informed thereon. Which by favour of the Court was granted them, and they were given to the quinzaine of Easter; and meanwhile it is granted to the said men that they shall have respite of the said £7.

On which day [May 1] they came again, and for the cause aforesaid they have a further adjournment (habent diem ulterius) to the quinzaine of Michaelmas, and meanwhile they have respite of the £7.

Before which day [Oct. 13] the King ceased from rule of the Kingdom, through which cessation the suit remained "sine die."

On which account the Barons agreed that the men be summoned anew by writ of scire facias of Henry IV. And the Sheriff is directed to warn them to appear on the quinzaine of Hilary. On which day the Sheriff made no return of the writ.

Thereon he was was ordered to summon the men aforesaid to appear on the Morrow of the close of Easter.

On which day the Sheriff, viz., Edward Bensted, returned the writ thus endorsed :—

> By virtue of that writ I have caused John Seburgh, John Foorde, Thomas Fraunceys, Henry Bosse and Michael Aubry to know that they are to appear at the time and place stated, &c., [served] by John Sumpter and John Saxmondham.

And on the morrow of the close of Easter the aforesaid Seburgh, Foorde, Fraunceys, Bosse and Aubry came here, by James Andrew, their attorney, and say that they are not fully informed at present to answer on the premisses; seeking a later day, namely to the quinzaine of Trinity, which is granted them.

On which day they came by their attorney, and for the said cause asked for a day further, namely the quinzaine of Michaelmas.

On which day they came by their attorney, and for the cause aforesaid they have a day further, to the quinzaine of Easter.

On which day they came by their attorney, and for the cause aforesaid they have a day further, to the quinzaine of Trinity.—[*End of Folio* 15 *(L)*. *Continuation on Dorse*.]

On which day they came by their attorney, and for the cause aforesaid they have a day further, to the quinzaine of Michaelmas.

On which day they came by their attorney, and proffered here a writ of the King under the Great Seal, addressed to the Treasurer and Barons of this Exchequer, which is enrolled among the Writs addressed to the Barons in Michaelmas term of 3 Henry IV. (1401) namely the 28th roll, in these words :—

[Here follows the writ of Henry IV., dated July 15, 1401, verbatim as already set forth on Dorse of Folio I and on Folio K.]

And hereon the men of Colchester seek

allowance of the said £7 annually as well for time past as for time to come.

And the premisses being seen by the Barons, and deliberation had thereon amongst them, it is decided that the aforesaid men of Colchester have full allowance of the aforesaid £7 for the causes before stated, as well for time past, as for time future. And that neither they nor their successors shall be impeached or burdened on account of their ancient allowance, but that they be discharged and quit in perpetuity according to the text of the writ aforesaid.

—*[End of Dorse of Folio* 15. *(L.)]*

MEMORANDA FROM THE ROLLS OF THE EXCHEQUER SHOWING THE ALLOWANCE TO THE MEN OF COLCHESTER.†

[*Folio* 16. *Marked M. Latin.*]—In the Great Roll of 1 Henry IV. (1399 - 1400) under "Essex":—

The men of Colchester owe £7 of remainder of £42 of the farm of their town for the year 1395-6 (19 Richd. II.); and £7 of remainder of the farm aforesaid for the year 1396-7 (20 Richd. II.); and £7 of the remainder of the same farm for 1397-8 —Total, £28. In Treasury, *nil*. And in the alms ordained to the monks of Colchester, £4 for the years, 1398-9, 1397-8, 1396-7, and 1395-6, viz 20s. per annum;* and in default of four moneyers, £16 for the same period, viz £4 per annum; and in default of Kingeswode, £8 for the same period, viz. 40s. per annum; by writ of the King in memorials of the year 1401-2, Michaelmas term, Roll 28; and by the process thereon, and decision of of the Barons noted upon the memoranda ex parte the Remembrancer of the Treasurer, for the year 1398-9 amongst the Records of Michaelmas term, Roll 26; where it was decided that the men of Colchester should have full allowance of this £7 for the causes before set forth, as well for time past as future, and that neither the said men nor their successors shall be impeached or burdened in respect of their ancient allowance, but shall be discharged and quit thereon in perpetuity. And so it is allowed in the 18th Roll of the said King, under "Essex," in the farm of the same men, and in the 11th, 2nd, and 15th Rolls of Henry III. And they are quit.

* The 20s. a year referred to in this and the foregoing entries was given, as we learn by the *Red Paper Book* (Fo. 8+), for "firing for the infirmary of the monks."

In the Great Roll of the 12th Henry [IV.] (1410—1411) under "Essex":—

The men of Colchester render account of £42 a year of the farm of their town, from Oct. 1, 1399 (1st Henry IV.), and £459 16s. 8d. for past years —total £501 16s. 8d. In the Treasury, *nil*. And in the alms ordained for the monks of Colchester, £12 for this twelfth year and the eleven years preceding, namely 20s. a year; and in default of four moneyers, £48 for the same period, namely £4 a year; and in default of Kyngeswode, £24 for the same period viz., 40s. a year; and to John Doreward,* Esquire of the King, in the County of Essex, to whom the King, on Dec. 10, in the first year of the present King, of his special favour, and for good service which the said John rendered to the King, had granted £35 to be received each year of the fee farm of Colchester, from the hands of the Bailiffs, from Sept. 13, 1399 (23 Rich. II.), at Michaelmas and Easter, in equal portions, during the life of the same John,—*[End of Folio* 16 (M). *Continuation on Dorse]*—or for so long as he [the King] should otherwise determine for his state (vel quousque pro statu suo aliter duxisset), ordaining [payment of] £157 10s., at Easter term and at Michaelmas term in the first, second, third, and fourth years, and at Easter term in the fifth year,‡ by writ of the King, enrolled in the Memorials of Michaelmas term, Roll 23, 1400 (2 H. IV.), between the ordinary Court business of the same year, and six letters patent of John. And they ought not to be summoned for £17 10s. for the Michaelmas term in the fifth year (1404) by writ of the King, under his privy seal enrolled in the memorials of 1406 (7 H. IV.) Hilary Term Roll 14, in which it is contained that the King on December 19, 1405 (7 H. IV.) for certain causes expressed in the writ, had granted to his son Humphrey the £17 10s. aforesaid to be had as a gift of the King. And they do not owe the sum of £242 16s. 8d. which is at the rate of £35 a year from October 20, 1404 (6 H. IV.) to Michaelmas 1410 (12 H. IV.), by writ of the King enrolled in memorials of 1412 (13 H. IV.) of this Hilary term, Roll 9, wherein it is contained that the King on October 22, 1404, by

* John Doreward. was member of parliament for Colchester in 1384 and in subsequent parliaments. In 1399 he was delegated Speaker of the House in place of Sir John Cheney, who was "infirm and unable to serve." This was the year in which Henry IV. seized the crown, and no doubt Doreward, as Speaker, rendered him useful service.

‡ Four-and-a-half years payment, at £35 a year, came £157 10s.

advice and consent of the King's Parliament at Coventry, lately convened, gave and granted to Humphrey of Lancaster, son of the King, the fee larm of Colchester, to have and to hold to the said Humphrey and the male heirs of his body, in perpetuity, from the King and his heirs, for the service due and accustomed thereon; and four letters patent of the same Humphrey, of Record. And they are quit.

COPY OF THE GRANT OF TENDRING HUNDRED, THE CASTLE OF COLCHESTER, AND THE FEE FARM OF COLCHESTER TO HUMPHREY OF LANCASTER, 1413.†

Enrolled amongst the writs addressed to the Barons in Hilay term 1413 (13 Henry IV.) ex parte the King's Remembrancer, in the 9th Roll.

The King to his Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer, greeting. Whereas, on October 22, 1404, by the advice and consent of our parliament lately called together at Coventry, we have given and granted to our very dear son, Humphrey of Lancaster, the castle of Colchester, and the hundred of Tendryng, and the fee farm of Colchester, with the appurtenances, to have and to hold the said castle, hundred, and fee farm, with the appurtenances, together with the lands, tenements, rents, acquisitions by purchase (perquisicionibus), fee farms, annuities, meadows, grass lands (pascuis), pastures, vineyards (vinariis), fees, advowsons (advocationibus), wards, marriage portions (maritagiis), relief fees (releviis), escheats, homages, services of tenants, as well of freemen as of bondmen (tam librorum quam nativorum), suits, courts, views of frankpledge, and all other matters and profits howsoever belonging to the said castle and hundred, to the said Humphrey and the heirs male of his body, from us and our heirs, by the services due and accustomed therein, in perpetuity, as is more fully contained in our letters patent made thereon. We command you that you cause to be superseded the demand which by summons of our exchequer you are causing to be made, to our son aforesaid, to be answerable to us of the fee farm aforesaid from the said October 22, and that you cause to be discharged not only himself but also our late Bailiffs,—[*End of Dorse of Folio* 16. (*M*). *Continuation on Folio* 17. (*N*)]—and the present Bailiffs of the same town and others, whomsoever they be, [charged] thereon to the Exchequer, from the same October 22, and, as is just, to be quit. Witness myself at Westminster, February 4, 1413 (13 Henry IV.)

GRANT OF THE FEE FARM TO JOHN DOREWARD, NOVEMBER 10, 1400.†

Enrolled in the memorials of Michaelmas Term, Roll 33, 1401.

Henry by the grace of God, King of England, etc., to his Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer, greeting. Whereas on December 10 last, of our special grace for the good service which our beloved Esquire, John Doreward, in the County of Essex, has expended (impendit) before these times, we had granted him £35 to be received each year from the fee farm of Colchester, at the hands of the Bailiffs for the time being of the same town, from September 13, 1399 (23 Rich. II). at Michælmas and Easter, in equal portions, during the said John's life, or for so long as we might otherwise decide for our state, to be ordained, as in our letters patent made thereon is more fully contained; and by our writ we had commanded the Bailiffs of the town who now are, or who shall be, that they should pay to the same John that which was due to him in arrear of the said annual payments of £35, from the aforesaid September 13, and should pay him the said annual payments of £35 during his life at the periods aforesaid, according to the tenour of our letters patent; we command you that at sight of our mandate aforesaid you shall from time to time duly allow, in their accounts at the Exchequer, and that which you are able to understand has been paid to the said John by the same Bailiffs, receiving from them from time to time letters of acquittance of the same John, which shall be for us sufficient in this matter. Witness myelf at Westminster Nov. 10, 1400.

COPIES OF EXCHEQUER ACQUITTANCES, 1411-1421.†

[*Latin*].—Acquittances of payments of the farm of Colchester, to Humphrey of Lancaster in form below-written.

Pro toto anno xiij regis H. quarti [1411-12].

[*Norman French*].—Humphrey of Lancaster, son of the King, to all those who shall see or hear these our letters, greeting. Know that we have received of the men of Colchester £35 sterling of the fee farm of the said town for the 13th year of the reign of my very dread lord and father the King, which £35 sterling we plainly

acknowledge ourselves to be paid to us, and the said men are quit thereof, by these presents. In witness whereof we have caused our letters patent to be made under our seal at London, October 12, 1412.

Alia acquietancia per hec verba sequencia.

[Then follow two receipts in Norman French by "Humfrey de Lancastre, filz et frere de roy, cambellier de Engleterre" for £17..10s. each, payment of the first year of Henry V., at the first receipt dated London, June 1, 1413, and the other June 15, 1413.]

—[*End of Folio* 17 (*N*).]

[*Dorse of Folio* 17 (*N*). *Latin.*]—Acquittances by "Humphrey, son and brother of Kings, Duke of Gloucester, Earl of Pembroke, and Chamberlain of England," for £35, received in London, Nov. 20, 1414; £17..10., on May 18, 1415; £17..10.,on May 26, 1415; £17..10. (by the hands of John Tirell, steward of the said Humphrey's lands), Nov. 12, 1416; £17..10. (received in like manner) June 5, 1416; £17..10. (per John Tirell) Dec. 16 [1416?]; £17..10., April 29, 1417; two like receipts for the year 1417-18; £17..10. (by the hands of Nicholas Thorle, Receiver General), May 8, 1419; £17..10., Oct. 12, 1419.

Sum total of all the acquittances had and not allowed £262..10., viz. from the 13th Henry IV. to the 6th Henry V.

Sum total of acquittances not had, viz. for Easter term in the 7th year, and for the 8th and 9th year to Michaelmas in the 9th year [1421]—£87..10.

Item, alms ordained for the monks of Colchester, 20s. a year for the ten years aforesaid [1411—1421]—£10.

Item, in default of four moneyers for the same period, £4 a year, £40.

Item, in default of Kyngeswode, at 40s. a year, £20.

Sum total—£70.

And "per beisauntz" from the record existing for four years, at Michaelmas—8s.

Sum total of arrearage at Michaelmas, 1421—£420.

—[*End of Dorse of Folio* 17 (*N*)]

ACQUITTANCE TO THE YEAR 1424-5†

[*Folio* 18. *Marked I. Latin.*]—

In the great roll of 1424-5 (3rd Henry VI.), in Record "Essex," after "City of Lincoln."

Essex.—The men of Colchester owe £126 of a certain farm of £42 a year for their town for this year and two years past. In Treasury, *nil.* And for the alms ordained to the monks of Col-Colchester, 60s. for the three years, viz., 20s. a year, as allowed in the 71st Roll of Henry IV., under "Essex," and the 55th Roll Henry III. And in default of four moneyers, £12 for the same period, viz., £4 a year, as allowed there. And in default of Kyngeswode £6, viz., 40s. a year, as allowed. And to Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester, £405. [Here follows in full the grant of the farm, &c., to Humphrey of Lancaster by Henry IV.] And they are quit.—[*End of Folio* 18.]

CHARTER BY HENRY IV. FOR THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GUILD OF ST. HELEN.†

[*Dorse of Folio* 18 (*I*). *Latin.*]—

Fraternitas Gilde Sancte Helene.

Henry, by the grace of God, King of England and France, and lord of Ireland, to all to whom these present letters shall come, greeting.

Know ye that of our special favour, and at the prayer of our beloved lieges, Richard Fodrynggey, clerk, Thomas Godeston, Thomas Fraunceys John Forde, and John Sumpter of Colchester (de Colchestre) we have granted and have given license for ourselves and our heirs, as much as in us lies, to the same Richard, Thomas, Thomas, John, and John, that they may have power to found and establish anew in the Chapel of the Holy Cross at Colchester, to the honour of God and of Saint Helen, a certain fraternity and perpetual guild, of themselves and others, who, on account of their devotion, wish to be of the same fraternity and guild, and that the brothers and sisters of the said fraternity and guild, for the time being, in each year, as often as shall seem requisite, shall make and constitute from the brothers of the fraternity and guild one or two Guardians (custodes) of the same fraternity and guild, for the honour and profit of the same; and that the said Guardians and their successors may have and bear the names of "Guardians of the fraternity and guild of Saint Helen of Colchester, in the Chapel of the Holy Cross of Colchester; and

that the same persons shall be able and qualified for receiving and holding the lands, tenements, rents, and all other matters which shall have been given, bequeathed, acquired or by any other means granted or assigned in the future to the said fraternity and guild, or to the Guardians of the same for the time being, for the use or profit of the same fraternity and guild. We have granted also to the same brothers and sisters of the said fraternity and guild that they may have power to plead and to be impleaded in all courts, places (placeis) and localities (locis) of us and our heirs, and in the courts, places and localities of all others within our Kingdom of England, according to the laws and customs of the same Kingdom, and to do and receive all other things according as and in the same manner as our other lieges, being fit persons (person habiles),do and have power to do in the courts, localities,and places aforesaid, according to the laws and customs aforesaid, and to gain or to lose in the same.

And further, of our fuller favour we have granted and given licence for ourselves and our heirs, as much as in us lies, to the Guardians aforesaid, the brothers and sisters, and their successors,to found a certain chantry of five chaplains in God's chapel aforesaid (in divina capella predicta) who shall celebrate according to the ordinances of the same Richard, Thomas, Thomas, John, and John made in that part, for our welfare whilst we shall live, and for our soul when we shall have departed from this light, and for the welfare of the brothers and sisters of the same fraternity and guild, whilst they shall live, and for their souls when they shall have departed from this life; and that they may have power in perpetuity to ordain and to have a certain number of thirteen poor persons who shall daily offer prayer there for the welfare and the souls aforesaid.

Witness myself at Gloucester November 21, in the 9th year of our reign [1407].—[*End of Dorse of Folio* 18. (i).] [The latter part of the charter is entered at the foot of Folio 19. (ii.)]

A LIST OF "CHRISTIAN KINGS OF ENGLAND." †

[*Folio* 19. *Marked* ii. *Latin.*]—

These are the names of the Christian Kings of England:—

The first King was Hynt* and he reigned 27 years.
After him reigned Ethelardus, 14 years.
Then Cutredus, 14 years.
Sibright, 1 year.
Kenulphus, 30 years.
Oricius, 17 years.
Edbright, 25 years.
Ethelwy, 18 years, 6 months.
Ethelepus, his son, 5 years.
Ethelbright, second [son] 5 years. He lies at Shireburne (Sherborne).
Edreth, third [son], 5 years. He lies at Wayburn (in Waburno)
Alveredus (Alfred) fourth [son], 30 years. He, when still a boy, his father living, was anointed and crowned by Pope Leo, at Rome, the first of English [Kings] who had these credentials (insignia). He lies at Wynton (Winchester) in the Abbey.
Edward, son of Alveredus [Edward the Elder], 33 years. He lies by his father.
Ethelstan, first son of Edward, 15 years. He lies at Malmesbery.
Edmund, second son, 6 years. He lies at Wynton in the cathedral (in episcopatum).
Edwy, son of Edmund, 4 years. He lies at Wynton, in the new monastery.
Edgar, his other son, 17 years. He lies at Glaston-[bury].
Edward, son of Edgar, 3 years 9 months. He lies at Schafton (Shaftesbury).
Ethelred, his other son, 33 years. He lies at London, at St. Paul's. At this period Sweyn came to England and caused Ethelred to flee to Normandy, but Sweyn dying soon afterwards, he returned to England, having married Emma, daughter of Earl Richard, by whom he had Elfred and Edward; by another wife he had Edmund who, after his brother defended the kingdom in many battles against Cnuth, son of Sweyn. At length, the Kingdom being divided, he died. He lies at Glastonbury.

* Apparently meant for Ina, King of the West Saxons from about A.D. 688 to about 728. He was succeeded by Ethelard (728—740), Cuthred (740—754), Sigebert (754—755), Kenwulph (755—784), Beorhtric (784—800), Egbert, afterwards sole Monarch of England (800—837).

Cnuth, King of all England, fearing on account of the English, to kill the sons of Edmund, whose names have perished, sent [item] to the King of Sweyn's subjects (?)(Sweynorum) and he sent them over to the King of Hungary. One of the boys died there; the other, when he had become a young man, married Agatha, sister of the Queen, by whom he had Margaret, Christina, Edgar. The King of Scotland, by Margaret, had Edward, Edgar, Edmund, Alexander, David, Matilda, queen, [and] Mary, countess. Cnuth reigned 20 years. He lies at Wynton in the cathedral (in episcopatum)

Harold, son of Cnuth, 4 years 4 months. He lay at Westminster, but afterwards was taken from his sepulchre by his brother, beheaded, and thrown into the Thames; whose body some fishermen, who found it at night, buried in St. Clement's church.

Hardecnuth, his other son, by Emma, reigned 2 years. He lies at Wynton.

Edward, second [son, by Emma] reigned 23 years 5 months. He lies at Westminster.

Harold, from Epiphany to the feast of Saint Kalixtus [Oct. 14.]

William the Bastard, 35 years 4 months. He lies at Radyng.‡

Stephen, 19 years, 8 weeks, 6 days. He lies at Faversham.

Henry, son of the Empress [Maud] reigned 35 years, 10 months, 4 days. He lies at Pund Everard [Fontevraud, in France.]

Richard, his son, 9 years 39 weeks. He lies with his father.

John, his brother, 18 years. He lies at Wynton.

Henry, son of John, 56 years 19 days. He departed to the Lord on the day of St. Edmund, Archbishop, and was buried on the day of St. Edmund, King and Martyr, in St. Peter's, Westminster.

[*In a later handwriting.*]

Anno domini 1307. King Edward the First died, in the first quarter of the Nones of July (July 7) in the 35th year of his reign.

Anno domini 1326, King Edward the Second died on the xi. Kalends October (Sept. 21) in the 20th year of his reign.

Anno domini 1377. King Edward III. died, in the 51st year of his reign.—[*End of Folio* 19. (ii.)]

[The above list is notable for inaccuracies and omissions. It was apparently written in the reign of Richard II. It omits all mention of St. Sebert and other Christian monarchs reputed to have been Kings of Essex, and is entirely confined, so far as the predecessors of Egbert are concerned, to the Kings of Wessex.]

‡ Perhaps meant for Reading. But William the Conqueror was buried at Caen.

NAMES OF KINGS OF ENGLAND AFTER THE CONQUEST.†

[*Dorse of Folio* 19 (ii.) *Latin.*]—

Hic sunt nomina Regum Anglie post conquestum.

Died.

A.D.

1087 William the Conqueror, otherwise called Bastard, reigned 21 years 11 [months]. He lies at Caen.

1100 William Rufus, the second, reigned 13 years. He lies at Winchester.

1135 Henry I. reigned 36 years. He lies at Redyng (Reading)

1154 Stephen reigned 20 years. He lies at Feversham,

1189 Henry II., son of the Empress, reigned 35 years. He lies at Pound Everard (Fontevraud)

1199 Richard, son of King Henry, reigned 9 years. He lies with his father.

1216 John, his brother, reigned 18 years. He lies at Worcester (Wygorn).

1272 Henry, son of John, reigned 56 years. He lies at Westminster.

1307 Edward I. reigned 35 years. He lies at Westminster.

1326* Edward II. reigned 20 years. He lies at Gloucester.

1377 Edward III. reigned 51 years. He lies at Westminster.

1399 Richard II. reigned 22 years. He lies at Westminster.

1412* Henry IV. reigned 14 years. He lies at Canterbury.

1422 Henry V. reigned 10 years. He lies at Westminster.

[*In a later writing.*]

1460‡ Henry VI. reigned 38 years 6 months. He lies at Windsor.

1483 Edward IV. reigned 22 years 1 month 8 days. He lies at Windsor.

1488 (*sic.*) Edward V. reigned 2 months 18 days. He lies at the Tower of London.

1485 Richard III. reigned 2 years 2 months 5 days. He lies at Leicester.

1509 Henry VII. reigned 23 years 8 months 17 days. He lies at Westminster.

1546* Henry VIII. reigned 37 years, 11 months, 3 days. He lies at Windsor.

1553 Edward VI., his son, reigned 6 years.

* Old style, the year commencing April 1.

‡ Henry VI. did not die until 1471, but his right to the throne was annulled in 1460.

[*In a later writing.*]
Maria Regina. }
Philippus. }
[*In handwriting of the 17th century.*]
Elizabeth Regina regnavit.

1625 James I. reigned 22 years, 3 days. He lies at Westminster.

1648* Charles I. reigned 24 years, 10 months. He lies at Windsor.

[End of Folio 19 (ii).]

THE LEGEND OF KING COEL, HELENA, AND CONSTANTINE, WITH OTHER EVENTS IN THE EARLY HISTORY OF COLCHESTER.†

[*Folio* 20. *Marked* iii. *Latin. Handwriting of the* 14*th Century.*]

De Colocestria et Coele.

A.D.

219 Coel, Duke of the Britons, began to build the city of Kaircoel, [*i.e.* Colchester].

238 Coel, Duke of Colchester, began to reign over Essex and Hertford.

242 Helen, daughter of Coel, is born in Colchester.

260 Constantius, Commander (Dux) of the Romans in Spain, sailing (navigans) to Britain, besieges the city of Colchester for three years.

263 The siege of Colchester was raised by the espousal of Helen, daughter of Coel.

265 Constantinus,son of Constantius,is born in Colchester, of Helen, hitherto mistress [of Constantius].

288 Constantius is named Cæsar of the Gauls in Salerrium (Salerrio).

289 Constantius, after seventy of the Alemanni, devastators of Gaul, had been fortunately slain, is declared Emperor Augustus.

290 Coel, Duke of Colchester, Asclepiodotus the tyrant having been slain, reigned over all Britain, subject to the Roman tribute.

297 Coel, most powerful King of the Britons, died at Colchester, in the second month.

298 Constantius, returning to Colchester from Gaul, disposes of the Kingdom.

299 The Emperor Constantius died at York in the 16th year of his Empire.

303 Helen, Constantius being dead, vowed a perpetual widowhood.

305 Constantinus, son of Constantius, commanding in Gaul (in Gallea), a sign of the cross being displayed to him in heaven, and a voice from an angel saying to him "*Constantine, in hoc vince,*" triumphed gloriously at the Milvian bridge over Maxentius (Maxcentio) the tyrant.

306 Constanti[n]us, after ten years of persecution, gave peace to the churches of God, and being baptized by St. Silvester as a Christian, saw Christ in the water, in the seventh year of his Empire; and in the same year he founded at Rome ten churches, to wit., of the blessed John the Lateran, of the greater St. Mary, of St. Peter who is called triumphant, of St. Paul in the Ostian way (in via Ostienci), and of St. Lawrence in the Veranian field (in agro verano). In the same year Helen, his mother, wrote to him that he should proceed against (prosequeretur) the Jews who denied Christ.

307 St. Helen, warned in a dream by an angel, hastens to Jerusalem in the cause of religion. In the same year the Jews are convicted of error by the scripture of the Lord from Pope Silvester and Constantinus.

310 St. Helen overthrew the accursed temple (phanum) which the Jews had erected over the Sepulchre of Christ, lest it should be venerated by Christians, and caused it (the Sepulchre) to be venerated (venerabile).

316 Constanti[n]us brings together the Nicene Synod of St. Silvester.

319 St. Helen on the 5th (quinto) day of May found the cross of the Lord, and restored many churches in Jerusalem, purged of idols.

320 Constantine gave to St. Silvester, the Pope, dominion of the city of Rome, and all imperial dignities to himself and his successors in perpetuity.

321 Constantine builds Constantinople to himself, [and] Helenopolis to his mother.

322 St. Helen, being over 80 years of age and full of good works ,and leaving behind her many precepts of piety to her son, fell asleep in the Lord, in Britain. She was buried at Rome, in the Lateran Church.

330 Constantine the Great, most Christian emperor, flower of Britain (flos Britannicus), citizen of Colchester, in the 66th year of his age, the 31st actual year (vero) of his empire, and the year 1021 *ab urbe condita*, died by Nicomedia, was gloriously buried at Constantinople, venerated by his subjects, May 11th.

1145 A certain monk of St. Edmund's, by name John, a Roman by nation, translates the head of St. Helen from Rome to the monastery of Bury St. Edmund's.

* Old style, the year commencing April 1.

1175 The castle of Colchester, with 1,115 castles of England, is almost destroyed.

1071 Colchester, after the wives of the citizens had been outraged (raptis), was burnt by Danish pirates.

1072 King William the Conqueror, on account of this, granted (tradidit) Colchester to Eudo Dapifer.

1076 Eudo Dapifer built the Castle of Colchester on the foundation of the palace of Coel, formerly King, and restored (renovavit) the chapel of St. Helen which, as it is said, she herself built and dedicated to St. John (et Sancto Johanni contradidit).

1239 Which chapel was dedicated on St. Katherine's day, in honour of St. Katherine and St. Helen, by Roger, Bishop of London, in the presence of William, Abbot of St. John.

1089 King William, the younger, gave [to Eudo ?] the city of Colchester, with the castle, to possess in perpetuity, et cetera.

[End of Folio 20 (ii.)]

PROCLAMATION MADE IN THE COLNE, MARCH 12, 1382. †

[*Folio* 21. *Marked* iiii. *Norman French.*]

[The commencement of the Proclamation, of which a translation follows, is given, in briefer form, in the Red Paper Book, where it is stated to have been made in the year 1256. See "The Red Paper Book," Folio 170].

[*Translation.*]

Proclamation was made in Colne Water in the time of Thomas Fraunceys and Thomas Clerk, Bailiffs of the town of Colchester (Colecestr') the 12th March in the fifth year of Richard II., by the commonalty of the said town.

Whereas many of the noble Kings of England, before time of memory, and several (plusours) of the gracious progenitors of our very excellent lord King Richard who now is, formerly Kings of England from the said time of memory, and our said lord King Richard, who now is, by their special charters have granted and confirmed to the Burgesses of Colchester, and to their heirs and successors, to have and to hold the Burgh of Colchester in fee farm freely, with all the franchises and privileges contained in the said charters, amongst which the points below-written are included, that is to say :—

That the said Burgesses and their heirs may have power to take tolls of all merchants whatsoever, chargeable to pay custom, buyers or sellers, within the franchise of their said Burgh, as well by land as by water.

Also that the said Burgesses, their heirs, and successors, may have their fishery from the North Bridge of Colchester as far as Westnasse, on the one side and the other, with their easements whatsoever, franchises, and customs belonging to such persons to whom franchise of Water and River is granted, all those who have lands adjacent, of the one side or of the other of Water and River, notwithstanding (oue lours easemens quequounques fraunchises et custumes appartenaunts a tiels as queux fraunchise dewe et de River est graunte touts ceux quonct terres adjesaunts dune part et daltre dewe et Ryver nient contresteaunts).

Also that the said Burgesses may have power, from year to year, to elect two Bailiffs, to whom is granted by the said charters to have cognizance of all manner of pleas (pleats) as well of land as of trespass, and to make attachments, and to take amerciaments for the same through all their franchise, as well by land as by water, and also to regulate (reuler) victuallers, and to punish forestallers and evil-doers through all the said franchise, as well by land as by water.

Also that no foreign fair or market may be raised, either upon land or upon water, at any of the parts in the vicinity of the said Burgh, to the injury (nuisaunce) of the fairs and markets of the said Burgh, without consent of the Burgesses of the same.

These franchises with many others [are] contained in the said charters, of which the charter sealed with the Great Seal of our very dread lord who now is is now evidence.

And in order that it might be established and ordained, the King by the bishops, great lords, and all the Commonalty of England, in

parliament held in the time of our very noble lord King Edward [II.] whom God assoil, grandfather (ael) of our very excellent lord the King who now is, that it shall not be allowable to any man, or any other person, to encounter (dencountrer) any manner of victual or saleable merchandise nor to stop [the same] when they shall be come or arrived in towns or merchant ports to which the said progenitors of our said lord the King have granted and confirmed power to hold common market with franchises appertaining to the same ; and that it shall not be allowable to anyone to bring in ships (deintrer neefs) for such cause, nor to forestal nor to buy such victuals or merchandise, under pain of life and of limb, and of forfeiture of the victuals and merchandise so sold.

And moreover we are informed of certain persons who from day to day enter our said water, and encounter boats and merchants, proposing not only to take them (daplier) to our said Burgh, but also to the town of Maldon, and forestal, stop, and purloin the customs due to our said lord the King and to us, on the victuals and merchandise in the said ships, raising markets of the same near to our said Burgh, contrary to the tenour of the charters of our said—[*End of Folio* 21 *(iiii). Continued on Dorse.*]—lord the King and his progenitors, and contrary to the statutes of the same, to the serious deprivation of us the said Burgesses, and to the injury of all the common people.

We, desiring to withstand such forestallers, abbettors and purloigners of ships, victuals, merchants, and of other merchandise outside our said Burgh, command, on the part of our said lord the King and the Bailiffs of the town of Colchester, bailiffs of the water, that no one shall be so bold as to make entry of ships or boats into the water of our said franchise, nor near to the same, to procure, counsel, or purloin merchants, victuals, or any manner of merchandise of the ancient market of our said Burgh, being at New Hythe (a la Neweheth) of Colchester, nor to stop, forestal, or discharge any parcel of such whilst they approach to our said market of the Hythe (del Hethe), as they have done before these hours, under pain of incurring forfeiture of the victuals or merchandises so sold, and grievous amerciaments, and the punishment thereon ordained in the statute aforesaid.

Also that no man nor other person may place piles, weirs (gourges) nor other works of hand (oureignes de main) nearer to our said water than is necessary for the protection of their properties (?) (quil puissount pestre (?) lours avers).

Nor that any dredgers (draggers) of oysters may dredge (treie) broods in the water of our said fishery, nor in any of the creeks of the same, that is to say the Swene, Southgedone, Parrokflete, Fleete, Skiphopé, nor at any time except in the time limited, under pain of forfeiture and grievous amerciaments.

And we will that those persons who have injured us and our whole commonalty by purloigning, abbetting, and forestalling various victuals and merchandises in our said water, outside the right of the markets granted by the said progenitors of our said lord lord the King, shall be fully informed that we will punish such malefactors jointly and severally, as well *in the court of the King as* by (presentments and attachments and other ways) *punishments granted to us* by virtue of our said charters *of fair in farm of the law*, and the rights granted in our said franchises.

[N.B.—The words in italics have been marked through with a pen, and the words placed in brackets have been interpolated.]

THE JURISDICTION OF THE ADMIRAL'S COURT. †

A Writ from the Sheriff of Essex, 1419.†

[*Dorse of Folio* 21 (iiii). *Continued. Latin.*]

Breve de intend. vicecomitis Essex pro admirallo, etc.

[*Latin.*]—

William Bateman, Sheriff of Essex, to the Bailiffs of the liberty of the town of Colchester,

greeting. I have received the mandate of the King in these words :—

The King [Henry IV.], to the Sheriff of Essex, greeting. Whereas we have constituted our beloved and faithful John Beaufort, Marquis of Dorset, our Admiral of the Fleet, both of the western and the eastern parts, and to do and exercise all and every matter appertaining to the office of Admiral, so always that the same Admiral shall have no sort of cognisance, power, or jurisdiction of any contracts, pleas, or plaints (querelis) or any other matters done or proceeding within the body of the county, by land or by water, nor of wreck of the sea, but that all contracts, pleas, and plaints of this kind, and other matters whatsoever proceeding within the body of the county, by land or water, as aforesaid, and also wreck of the sea, shall be distrained, dealt with, tried, and rectified by the common law, and in no wise before the same Admiral or his deputy, nor by the same Admiral or his deputy, but that the same Admiral may have cognisance of the death of man and of mayhem done in large ships (in grossis navibus) existing or hovering in midst of the high[water], like vise of large riparian waters (grossarum ripariarum) between the points (pontibus) nearest to the sea of the same riparian waters, and not in any other place of the same riparian waters, and also [may make] arrests (arrestaciones) of ships in great fleets through for our great voyages (viagiis) and of our Kingdom, and also have jurisdiction of the said fleets [flotis] of this kind whilst such journeys last, saving always all forfeits or profits whatseever now issuing to you. Saving also to lords and to their cities, boroughs, and liberties in the form of the statute of our Parliament held at Westminster in the 15th year of our reign, thereon issued as in our letters patent thereon is more fully contained. We command you that as often and in such manner as you shall be required by the said Admiral or his deputy on our behalf, you shall be amenable and answerable to the same Admiral in these matters which belong to the office of Admiral, according to the form and effect of the statute aforesaid, and not otherwise in any manner. Witness myself at Westminster, on the 1st May, in the 20th [year] of our reign.

Wherefore, on behalf of the King, I command you that you shall diligently attend to that mandate.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 21 (iiii).]

A WRIT TO THE ADMIRAL, 1411.†

[*Folio* 22. *Marked* v. *Latin.*]—

Henry, by the grace of God, &c., to his dearly-loved relative Edmund, Earl of Kent, our Admiral, and to his lieutenant and deputies whomsoever, greeting. We send enclosed with these presents the tenour of a certain article contained in the statute of the Parliament of Richard II., late King of England, held in the 15th year of his reign, and also the tenour of a certain other article contained in the statute of our parliament, at Westminster, commanding that, having inspected the said articles, you shall not attempt, or cause in any way to be attempted, anything contrary to the form of the articles aforesaid, in the town of Colchester or other places within the body of the county of Essex, nor shall you in anything molest or annoy the Bailiffs or other men of the town aforesaid, contrary to the tenour of the same articles. Witness myself at Westminster, February 12, in the 12th year of our reign.

Per J. Roderik.

LETTERS PATENT OR MANDATE DIRECTED AGAINST ENCROACHMENTS BY THE ADMIRAL.†

[*Norman French.*]

Item, on the great and grievous complaint of all the commonalty made to our lord the King in this present parliament, because the Admirals and their deputies encroach on their various jurisdictions, franchises, and other profits which belong to our lord the King and to other lordships, counties, and boroughs, beyond what they [the Admirals] have or ought to have the right to do, to the very great injury and impoverishment of all the commonalty of the land, [and to the] disinheritance and loss of our lord the King, and of numerous other lordships, cities, and boroughs, throughout the realm, it is declared, ordained, and established that of all manner of contracts, pleas, and suits (querelis), and of all other things done or arising within the

body of the counties, both by land and water, also of wreck of the sea, the Court of the Admirals has no manner of cognisance, power, or jurisdiction, but that all such manner of contracts, pleas, and suits, and all other things arising in the body of the counties, both by land and by water, and also wreck of the sea, shall be tried, determined, and discussed and rectified by the law of the land, and not heard before the Admiral or his lieutenant in any manner. Nevertheless of man's death and of mayhem done in great ships, being or remaining in midst of the high sea, likewise of the great rivers, but only by the entries of the same rivers nearest the sea, and in no other part of the same rivers, the Admiral shall have cognisance; saving to the King all manner of forfeitures and profits thence issuing; saving always to lordships, cities, and towns, their liberties, franchises.

Item, as in the statute made at Westminster the 13th year of the said King Richard, among other things it is contained that the Admirals and their deputies shall thereafter meddle in no matter done in the realm, but only in things done upon the sea, according to what was the custom in the time of the noble King [Edward II.] grandfather of the said King Richard, our said lord the King wills and grants that the said statute shall be firmly held and kept and put into due execution.

And further the King with the advice and consent of his lords, spiritual and temporal, and on the prayer of the said commons, has ordained and established that . . . . . to place penalty upon the Admiral or his lieutenant that the statute . . . . towards them, and those who shall be injured contrary to the form of the said statute shall have action by writ . . . . . in the court shall recover their damages against the pursuant to twice the amount of the said damages, and also the penalty of £10 to the King for the pursuit thereon if he be attainted.—[*End of Folio* 22 (v.)

ORDINANCES FOR THE BETTER RULE OF THE TOWN'S FINANCES AND OTHER MATTERS.†

[*Dorse of Folio* 22 (v.) *Norman French.*]—Whereas of long time before the present, the profits of the town of Colchester (Colecestr') both of rents and also of tolls (outraiouses), fines, and amerciaments, have amounted to a great sum from year to year, the which profits have been spent at pleasure (despenduz volunterement) by the will of the two Bailiffs, to the great damage of the commonalty and contrary to the constitutions thereon made and ordained by all the commonalty, and by the more worthy sworn men of the town, therefore for the honour of God, and for the maintenance of right, and for the profit of the said commonalty, it is ordained that the points below written be held perpetualy:—

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOUR WARDS TO ELECT TWENTY PERSONS TO CHOOSE WITH THEM THE BAILIFFS AND RECEIVERS.†

At the beginning of the day of election it is ordained that four sufficient persons of good conversation, who have hitherto not been Bailiffs, that is to say one from each ward, by the advice of the whole commonalty shall be elected, and sworn to elect to them twenty of the more worthy and more sufficient commons, who have hitherto not been Bailiffs. Which Four-and-twenty shall be sworn that for love or for hatred, procurement or gift, or for any other favour (affinite), they will not fail to elect two sufficient and loyal commoners, them or others, [*Bailiffs the wisest and best of conversation and most profitable to the town*]*, who have hitherto not been Bailiffs, two Receivers [here there is an interpolation which has been carefully erased] who shall receive in their entirety the rents, fines, and amerciaments and all other profits of the town, without withholding anything (sans nul forsprendre).

* The italicised words in brackets have been interpolated in a later handwriting.

THE ELECTION OF THE BAILIFFS AND AUDITORS.†

Item, that the said Four-and-twenty, by their oath, shall elect two Bailiffs, sufficient men, of good conversation, the most loyal and the most profitable for the commonalty. Also the said Four-and-twenty, by their oath, shall elect eight of the worthy persons [*Aldermen**], the most sufficient, and wisest, so, by the said Bailiffs and the eight Auditors, or six, or four, or two at the least, with the two [*Chamberlains*‡], or one of them if the other cannot attend, to ordain (dordeigner) the expenses and presents (?) (presens) which the commonalty shall pay, and all together, with the worthy persons of the commonalty who wish to be present, to give the account of the said [*Chamberlains*‡], which account shall commence to be rendered always in future on the Monday next before the feast of the Nativity of our Lady, and shall so continue from day to day, until the account be perfect.

THE BAILIFFS' FEES AND ROBES.†

Item, it is allowed that each of the Bailiffs shall take no fee for his office except 60s. a year, and one robe price 20s., without taking any other reward or thing; and that they shall be habited alike (vestuz en suite).

BAILIFFS AND RECEIVERS TO BE ELECTED ANNUALLY.†

Item that the Bailiffs shall be changed each year and that no one [who] shall be Bailiff, [*nor Alderman*‖] nor Receiver shall take fee or robe of other than of the commonalty, within the franchise; and that the Receivers be changed from year to year if it so please the commonalty.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 22 (v.).]

[*Folio* 23. *Marked* vi.]

* Interpolated, apparently at a later period.

‡ The word "Chamberleynz" has been substituted for another word which is erased, presumbly "Receivers."

‖ Interpolated.

THE SERGEANTS AND THEIR RECEIPTS.†

Item, it is agreed that the Clerks for the time being shall be sworn to deliver duly (lealment) all the estreats of all the profits of the said town to the said Receivers who shall deliver the estreats to the Sergeants who shall be [appointed] for the time being [*by the advice of the said Bailiffs*‖] and shall receive the profits of the said Sergeants by indenture or by tally. And if it happen that the Sergeants be negligent or remiss in levying the profits, that the Bailiffs and the eight Auditors elected with the commonalty, shall make the Sergeants and their pledges answer and pay the sums leviable in their estreats delivered to them, and that by the Monday next before the account of the Receivers is rendered in the manner stated.

THE RECEIVERS' ACCOUNTS.†

Item, it is agreed that after the account is made the Receivers [*Chamberlains**], the Monday next following, in the presence of [*the Aldermen*‖], all the commonalty, shall deliver all the profits of the town which are not expended to the subsequent Receivers [*Chamberlains**] by tripartite indenture, of which one part shall remain with the Bailiffs, another part with the old Receivers [*Chamberlains**], and the third with the new Receivers [*Chamberlains**], if new ones are elected; and if new ones are not elected then the third part shall remain with the eight Auditors; and that the profits aforesaid be placed in the common chest or elsewhere for the necessary expenses of the town, by the advice of the whole commonalty [*the council of the town*‖].

PAYMENTS NOT TO BE MADE TO THE BAILIFFS.†

Item, it is agreed that in every case where a man is mainprisable, the Burgesses shall not pay any mainprise [*to the Bailiffs*‖] if they can

* Chamberlains. The word "Receivers" has been struck through in each case, and the word "Chamberleyns" substituted.

find sufficient surety to safeguard the Bailiffs without damage; and that none of the Burgesses shall pay anything for the seal of office, nor for recognizance, nor for entry of charge, but only to the Clerk for his labour.

ANOTHER "FOUR-AND-TWENTY" TO BE "COUNCILLORS."

Item, it is ordained that our Bailiffs and our Auditors from year to year, in the week (septmoigne) of St. Michael, shall elect to them sixteen of the wisest and best-informed of those who possess most (de ceaux que plus ount) in the town of Colchester, whose names shall be enrolled within the courts (entre les courtes), and to the same our Bailiffs the Auditors and the sixteen may be councillors and ordainers of all needful matters (de totes besoignes) which touch the Borough, and have power to make binding constitutions (de feare fermes constitucioun) ever to hold for the common profit of the same, and that they be assembled four times at least in the year, and more often when it shall please them. At which assembly if any Burgess wishes to touch upon anything touching the common profit or common damage, he shall deliver a bill to our Bailiffs of his matter, to exhibit (monstrer) to the said Four-and-twenty Councillors, and he shall have reply thereon at their next assembly, or sooner if it shall please them. And it is ordained from this time in future that none be so bold or foolish as to make common clamour (comune clamour) in Court before our Bailiffs, for any cause which touches the commonalty, otherwise than by bill, under pain of imprisonment of their bodies. And that the Bailiffs and the councillors aforesaid have power to determine (diffiner) and judge every bill which is exhibited for the commonalty.—[*End of Folio* 23 (vi). *Continuation on Dorse.*]

BURGESSES TO BE SWORN TO OBSERVE THESE ORDINANCES.†

To the holding of which ordinances well and loyally and perpetually, it is ordained that all the resident Burgesses be sworn, from time to time, when it may well be done, and that all the Burgesses, who shall be made in time to come, be sworn to hold and maintain the ordinances here written, as well as the usages and franchises of the town. And that these ordinances aforesaid be read openly (overtment)* before the commonalty, from year to year, at the commencement of the election aforesaid.

NO PUBLIC RIGHTS TO BE ABANDONED UNLESS BY SANCTION OF THE LAWHUNDRED.†

It is ordained that no encroachment (pourpresture) [be allowed], nor any thing belonging to the said town be abandoned, confiscated (prive), or lost, unless it be demanded in a lawhundred and granted in the next ensuing lawhundred.

BAILIFFS NOT HOLD THE KEYS OF THE COMMON CHEST.†

Item, that no Bailiff who is elected for his time shall be clavier of the common chest, but other persons who are elected to the said office.

THE COMMONALTY SWORN TO OBSERVE THE FOREGOING CONSTITUTIONS. 1372. †

[*Dorse of Folio* 23 (vi.) *continued. Latin.*]—To the firm holding of such [ordinances] in this manner, perpetually, the greater part of the burgesses of Colchester by their unrestrained free will were sworn, that they should never violate them, all and each of them, by their power, consent, or deed, in all their lives, or in any way contravene them. And that the said constitutions or ordinances might be binding in due manner, on the Monday next following the Nativity of the Blessed Mary the Virgin [September 8] in the 46th Edward III [1372], before Robert atte Forde and John Lucas, then Bailiffs of the town of

* The word "opynliche" has been written over the French word "overtment."

Colchester, in the hall of the Commonalty of the same town, the Four-and-Twenty trustworthy (fidedigni) men of Colchester, selected from those who had never previously borne the office of Bailiffs of Colchester, were sworn upon their oath to elect two Bailiffs fitting men and faithful (fideliores) and qualified for the office of Bailiffs of Colchester, for the coming year, to the advantage and honour of the whole commonalty of Colchester, and also firmly to hold, to the utmost of their power (pro viribus suis) the said constitutions or ordinances. And likewise after they had elected the said future Bailiffs, to provide and to present to the same Bailiffs, and to the commonalty, two faithful Receivers, qualified for receiving all the profits of the town for the coming year, as is more fully mentioned in the said constitutions; and also eight Auditors, faithful and qualified men, of good conversation and who usually remain (moram trahunt) in the town of Colchester, which Receivers shall return a faithful account of all things so received by them without diminution or concealment showing in detail the receipts of the same and expenses of the town, without any sort of disguise (occultacione) so that it may be the better brought to the knowledge of those in attendance. Also the aforesaid Four-and-twenty shall elect one Farmer, one Common Clerk, and three Sergeants for the aforesaid year ensuing; and all and several being thus elected, provided, and presented, shall be sworn that they shall well and faithfully exercise, for the year ensuing, their offices, in such respect as shall singly belong to each of them, according to the form of the said ordinances, to the honour and utility of the town aforesaid and without violating or exceeding, by any action of theirs. And this firm election of the Bailiffs, the Receivers, the Auditors, the Farmer, the Common Clerk, and the Sergeants of the town, the Bailiffs and commonalty will to be firmly observed, in perpetuity, from year to year, saving to the Bailiffs and commonalty of the same, for the time being, such additions to their premisses as shall be serviceable in the event to the commonalty, as often and whensoever these seem well to the same[Bailiffs and commonalty.] —[*End of Dorse of Folio* 23 (vi).]

OF THE ELECTION OF SERGEANTS.†

A CORRUPT ENTRY CONDEMNED BY THE BAILIFFS AND COUNCIL, 1395.

[*Folio* 24 (vii.) *Latin.*]—Whereas in bygone times, to the praise of God and the profit and honour of the Borough of Colchester, by certain lovers of the same Borough there had existed an ordained manner and form of election on the Monday after the Nativity of the Virgin and on the Monday after Michaelmas day, from year to year, of the Bailiffs, Receivers and other officers, as more fully appears in the said ordinances, to which ordinances the whole commonalty of the town of Colchester was sworn to hold them in perpetuity; and certain Clerks without the assent of the others or of anyone, foolishly and of their mere free will, writing out the same constitutions to be held, [so wrote them] that by the same [constitutions] inquests [? committees or juries] were to elect the sergeants after Michaelmas day, on the day of the election of Sergeants and other officers.* Whereupon very great confusion has arisen amongst many of the commonalty who say that the same Sergeants shall not be elected by any who, before these times, have borne the office of Bailiffs. To the removal and perpetual abolition of which confusions and dissensions John Saburgh and Thomas Clerc, lovers of peace and Bailiffs of the aforesaid borough, called before them the Four-and-Twenty elected for the council of the town, with the

*The wording of this passage is obscure. It reads: "Et quidam clerici sine assensu aliorum vel alicujus insane et ex eorum mera voluntate scribentes easdem constituciones fore tenendas et per easdem inquisiciones eligendas servientes post festum sancti Michaelis archangeli in die eleccionis servientium et aliorum officiariorum."

whole commonalty of the town, condemned the aforesaid writing, and decided that the same Sergeants and other officers are to be elected by the more worthy and letter informed (per probiores et magis sapientes) on the day of the election aforesaid, varying nothing in that behalf appertaining.—[*End of Folio* 24 (vii.)]

[This entry also appears in the *Red Paper Book*, *Folio* 10. It appears to mean that the election of Sergeants was to be by the Council of Twenty-four elected by the Bailiffs and Auditors after Michaelmas, and not by certain juries or inquests, or by the Twenty-four who elected the Bailiffs on the Monday after September 8, which Twenty-four consisted of persons who had never been Bailiffs.]

REGULATIONS RESPECTING THE ELECTIONS. TEMP. RICHARD II. (?) †

[*Dorse of Folio* 24 (vii.)]—

The Elecion Day, &c.

To the laude and wurship of almyghty god fader and sone and holygost, and the conservacion of good pees, unite, quiete reule, and poletyk governaunce of this notable burgh.

THE HEADMEN TO BE ELECTED ONLY BY RESIDENT FREEMEN WHO PAY THEIR DUES.†

For asmoch in tymes past in the dayes of eleccion accustomed and yerly requyred to be had of baillifs and all othir officers, many troublez, parlous discordes, and inconvenientes have be (been) founde by experience by cause of the multitude concurrent to such eleccions, and presumyng and usurpyng enteresse (interest) in the seid eleccions, wher in dede they owe (ought) noon to have, by the wey, manner, and fourme of declaracion. It is ordeyned stabylisshed, apoynted, agreed, and determined by the avys, acord, and assent of the baillifs of the seid burgh, this tyme beyng, aldermen, counsell, and comunes of the same, that from hensforward alle tho (those) and eche of hem (them) that be fremen of the seid burgh, sworen to the Kyng and to the toun, inhabitaunts in the same, lyvyng by ther lyvelode, marchaundise, or craftys, housholdyng in her (their) own persone and namys, beyng also taxe and talage, whenne they falle for their parts, lot and shot, to all resonable eides in the same burgh, that they and eche of hem (them) use and enjoie her (their) libertes as comunes of the said burgh, so to be called, reputed, and take (taken), and that they and eche of hem (them) have her (their) voyses in eleccions of the hedmen, wych of custom shall be named hereafter in eleccions of baillifs and all other officers of this seid burgh, as wele as to be assumpt and taken hemself (themselves) to hedemen or to any of hem that shall procede in such eleccions if they be assumed, take (taken), approbat (approved) and founde able thereto. And that all othir, that is to say mennys children, apprentys, loweys journeymen, and chamberholders, not kepying craft in her (their) persones) ne housholdyng by hem self (themselves), ne payng taxe ne talage, lot, shot, ne charges in the seid burgh, fro this tyme forward be excluded of all maner eleccions of officers or hedemen in this seid burgh, as no voises havying ne owyng to have, in the same ; but if eny such presume to entre into the hall in tyme of such eleccions to be made, that they wythdrawe hem to her ocupacions, and voide at the comandement of the baillifs for the tyme beng, upon peyne of emprisonment and fyne and raunsom to be made at the will of the baillifs forseyd, for the tyme beyng, by avys and assent of her (their) felaship and connsell of the seid burgh.

AGAINST SUBTLE WORKINGS AND OTHER CORRUPT INFLUENCES IN THE ELECTIONS. †

Item, forasmoch as ofte in tymes paste whanne eleccions have be (been) had, diverse sotill werkyng have be (been) made, imagined and compassed, to wilfull preferrment of some persones after blynded affeccions, wythoute due regard had to the weele of the seid burgh and the sad rule thereof, or as to the othes

wych be made at tyme of suche eleccions after the fourme accustomed; for wych causes simple persones have be (been) resseived to the nombre of them that shuld procede in suche eleccions, to the extent and ende to brynge to effecte here (their) compassyd (designed) purpos, azens (against) consience and reson often tyme. It is ordeigned, stabilisshed, and appoynted and concluded, by the avyses forseyd, that fro this tyme forward no man shall be take (taken), chosen, ne amitted (admitted) to an hedeman, in eleccions of baillifs or other officers, ne by the hedemen, whanne they be chosen, take (taken) nor admitted, to procede with the hedemen in such eleccions or eleccion, ofles (unless) thanne (then) he have of yerly lyvelode in rente xls. And if eny persones or persone be take (taken) or named contrarye to this fourme, that by the bailiffs for the tyme beyng he or they so take be rejecte and put of, and other take (taken) in here (their) names, by hem that tho (those) persones named or took in that behalve, &c.

THE OFFICERS TO BE CHOSEN BY CERTAIN APPOINTED PERSONS AND NOT BY ELECTION. †

Also it is purveyed, stablysshed, appoynted, agreed, and determined that there be no maner eleccion or eleccions made from hensforwards of no maner officers of the toun, but that the hedemen chese (choose) unto them viij., vij., or vj., at the lest, and mo (more) if it plese them of the hedyng and councell of the toun, to be in the said eleccions or eleccion of the said officers.

[*Dorse of Folio* 24 (vii.)]

THE OATH OF THE BAILIFFS. †

[*Folio* 25. *Marked* viii. *Latin.*]

Juramentum Ballivorum.

You shall bear faith to the lord —— King of England and his heirs, and shall well and faithfully decide all judgments of pleas which shall happen to be determined before you, from day to day, sparing no one for love, favour, hatred, gift, or promise, but that reason and right (equum) be done to each. Writs and mandates, as well for the lord King as at suit of party, transmitted to you, according to what shall seem consonant to your discretion and your counsel you shall faithfully return, and that you shall be diligent in serving your office of Bailiffs on the days and in the places whensoever need shall be; and that you shall cause to be enrolled, by the common clerk of the town all profits of the town aforesaid which are just and due by law or by custom to the commonalty of the same, taking, concealing, or detaining nothing of the same unto your own possession; and that you shall cause the auditors of the account to come to the hearing and determing of the account, as is ordained; the new constitutions and ordinances above recited and the usages and franchises (libertates) of the town aforesaid you shall faithfully maintain; and that you shall abstain, by yourselves or your deputies, during your term of office, from the sale of victuals by retail (victualium in retalliam) as is ordained by statute; but that you shall duly see and ordain as to the sale of victuals and view of measures. And the peace of the lord King in the town aforesaid, in so far as you are able, you shall guard and cause to be guarded. So help you God and the holy gospels of God.

THE OATH OF THE CLERK.

Juramentum Clerici.

[*Latin.*]—You shall well and truly enrol all plaints (querelas), attachments, and distraints of all parties of ths several hundreds of Colchester, with the fines and amerciaments of the same and all other profits which can proceed thence, in just and due manner to the community of Colchester; and you shall write the same profits in the estreats (in extractis) or cause them to be written by some other person, for whom you shall be willing to be answerable to the Bailiffs and commonalty; and you shall deliver those profits, thus

written in the estreats, to the Receivers [Chamberlains]¶ of the same town, who shall be for the time; and you shall keep account (computabis) the profits of the rolls of the hundred and of the estreats of the town aforesaid, which shall agree equally; and you shall faithfully cast the totals (summas numerabis) of estreats and rolls of the hundred aforesaid; and you shall faithfully conceal the counsel of the Bailiffs and also of the commonalty aforesaid in all things [touching] your said office; and according to your power you shall be obedient to the Bailiffs and commonalty aforesaid in all their rightful orders (preceptis) touching the said office and shall well and faithfully serve them. So help you God and the holy gospels of God.

THE OATH OF THE FARMER.†

Juramentum Firmarii.

[*Latin.*]—You shall well and truly take and cause to be collected by such others as shall be sworn to the said office before the Bailiffs of Colchester for the time being, and not by others except on the greatest cause or necessity, all customs and toll, due and rightful, which belong to the lord King and the commonalty of Colchester, as well by land as by water; and then let those who ought to collect them be sworn before the said Bailiffs; and that you permit no one who ought by law to pay customs or toll to be quit, and that you do not take from anyone who ought by law to be quit of the same; that that you take no one as a partner (participentem) in the same farm without consent of the Bailiffs and commonalty. And you shall measure and weigh justly to each, by yourself and your servants, without fraud or evil device (ingenio). So help you God and the holy gospels of God.—[*End of Folio* 25 (viii).]

OATH OF THE RECEIVERS.†

Juramentum Receptorum ville.

[*Dorse of Folio* 25 (viii). *Latin.*]—You shall well and faithfully deliver all estreats of all rolls of the hundred of Colchester, which you shall receive by the hands of the Clerk of the same town, to the Sergeants of the same liberty, from time to time; and you shall return a faithful account of the same by view of the Bailiffs (per visum Ballivorum) of the same [town], and also return a faithful account to the Auditors of the same town of all profits of the same town, on the days hitherto assigned in the said ordinances, delivering no moneys of the same without view and assent of the said eight Auditors, or six, or four, or two [of them], with the Bailiffs aforesaid; and you shall make a finish (finem) of your account towards the end of your year and the feast of All Saints thereafter next ensuing. So help you God and the holy gospels of God.

OATH OF THE SERGEANTS.†

Juramentum Servientium ville.

[*Latin.*] — You shall well and faithfully perform all executions, judgments, decisions, and orders of the Bailiffs and commonalty in any way touching your office of Sergeants; and you shall diligently collect [*from day to day*]‡ all profits of the same town whereof you shall be charged in the estreats by the Receivers [Chamberlains]¶, and you shall return a faithful account of these to the said Receivers [Chamberlains]¶ in presence of the Bailiffs and Clerk [*and the eight Aldermen*]* of Colchester as often as need shall be, and as you shall be singly forewarned thereto by the same; and you shall pay no money therefrom unless in payment to the Receivers [Chamberlains]¶, nor shall you take possession in any party's plaint (querela) without attachment; and you shall present those [plaints?] faithfully to the Clerk of the commonalty; and you shall faithfully and securely guard all persons now in the gaol of the town of Colchester, being in your custody or [who] shall be during your office, together with the bonds of the same gaol; and of these, at the end of your year, together

¶ The word "Chamberlains" has been substituted at a later period for "Receivers."

* The words in italics have been subsequently interpolated.

with escapes (evasionibus) of them, if there shall be any that is missing, you shall faithfully answer to the Bailiffs and commonalty *[eight Aldermen]** ; and the secrets of the said Bailiffs and commonalty, touching your office, you shall faithfully conceal ; and you shall be ready and obedient to the same Bailiffs and commonalty in rightful and customary commands, as often as need shall be *[and not perverse in anything in which you are able]** during the time of your offices. So help you God and the holy gospels of God.

OATH OF A FREE BURGESS.†

Juramentum Burgensium ville.

[*Norman French.*]—Jeo portera fei et leaute a Roi *Henry* [this word has been written over another, presumably "Richard"] et a ses heires de vie et de membre, et de terren honur, et nommement al Burgh de Colcestre amendement; et jeo ne fera nul mal al Burgh, ne a nully del Burgh, que touche tout le Burgh, que jeo le amendera; et serra eaidaunt et nemys destorbaunt a le lever [touchant le leve]‡ des biens aportenaunts a mesme le Burgh, solont moun poer,‖ et que jeo serra obeissaunt a les Baillifs et a lours ministres que sount on serrount pur le temps, en lours dreiturels comandemens, et le conseil des ditz Baillifs de la dite ville bien et lealment celera, et prest serra a quel coure que jeo serra agiste en eaide del dit Burgh sicom autre Burgeys les fraunchises, usages, et constituciouns maintener solont mon poer. Si dieux moi eaide et ses sencts.—[*End of Dorse of Folio* 25 (viii).]

[*Translation.*]

I will bear faith and loyalty to King Henry and his heirs, of life and of limb, and of land honour, and namely to the amendment of the of the Borough of Colchester, and I will do no ill to the Borough, nor to anyone of the Borough, which touches all the Borough, but I will amend it; and I will be aiding and no wise disturbing to the levy of goods belonging to the same Borough, according to my power [see note],‡ and that I will be obedient to the Bailiffs and to their servants who are, or who shall for the time be, in their rightful commandments; and the counsel of the said Bailiffs of the said town I will well and loyally conceal, and will be ready at what hour I shall be required in aid of the said Borough, like other Burgess, the franchises, customs, and constitutions to maintain according to my power. So help me God and his saints.—[*End of Dorse of Folio* 25 (viii).]

NON-RESIDENT BURGESSES TO LOSE THEIR FREEDOM.†

[*Folio* 26. *Marked* ix. *Latin.*]—Whereas it is accounted, by inspection of the Rolls of the time of John atte Foorde and Richard Dyere of the 31st Edward III. [1357-8], in the 3rd Roll extra of the same year, that all Burgesses sworn before the Bailiffs of the town of Colchester and its commonalty shall take their oath upon the accustomed articles, under such condition that they shall reside within the liberty of Colchester during one year next following the time of such oath, under penalty of loss of their freedom in that behalf. And whereas it appears that several Burgesses thus sworn have not been careful to keep their oath in that behalf, and are not careful, to the present forfeiting of their freedom aforesaid, therefore it is decided that in future they shall retain (prestent) their custom and toll as long as they reside in form aforesaid.

OATH OF THE COUNCILLORS.†

Juramentum xvjum hominum de consilio ville.

[*Latin.*]—You and each of you, as often as you shall be required and forwarned by the Bailiffs or by any of the Sergeants of the town

* The word "commonalty" has been struck through and "eight Aldermen" interpolated.

‡ "A le lever" has been struck through and "touchant le leve" interpolated.

‖ "Solont moun poer." These words have been crossed through

to come, ordain, and counsel for the affairs of the town, shall duly come, unless you have reasonable impediment; and you shall be helpful and counselling for the profit of the town of Colchester, so often and whensoever need shall be. And the secrets of the Bailiffs, Aldermen, and your colleagues, Councillors of the town aforesaid, you shall well and faithfully conceal; and if anything shall transpire to your knowledge, or shall chance to arise, whereby prejudice might in any way arise or be created to the town aforesaid, you shall bring and reveal it to the notice of the Bailiffs for the time being; and you shall obey all lawful and honourable (licitis et honestis) orders and commands of the Bailiffs of the town aforesaid, and shall not be of the counsel nor of the annual fee (de consilio neque de feodo annuo) of anyone having demesne within the precinct of the liberty of the town aforesaid. So help you God and the holy gospels of God.—[*End of Folio* 26 (ix.)]

ORDINANCES IN NORMAN FRENCH.†

[*Dorse of Folio* 26 (ix).]

Ceux sount les ordenaunces faitz par toutz les Burgeys de la ville de Colc' jures a tener solunt la fourme ensuant.

Al comencement en le jour de eleccioun ordeigue est que quatre suffisauntz gentz de bone conversacioun que unques ne furent Baillifs, cest assavoir un de chescune garde par lavys de tout la comune [que ait terrez ou tenementz a le value de xl. s. par an al meyns oultre lesprises *] serrount eslutz et jures de eslire vynt a eux de les melioures et plus suffisaunts comuners [horspris comune bakers, comunes hostillers, comunes vitaillers et attonez de mesme cesty court *] que unques ne furent baillifs [et chescun deux ait terres ou tenementz a le value de xl. s. par an al meyns oultre lesprises ou biens et chatelx a le value de xl. livres *] les queux vynt et quatre serrount jures que pur amour ne pour haigne, procurement, donne, ne affinite, quils ne lesserount de eslire deux suffisauntz baillifs de bone conversacioun plus lealx et plus profitables pour tout la comune; et auxint ils elirrount eopt des bonez gentz plus suffisauntz meultz eyauntz et sachauntz pur estre Alderman de la dite ville, aultrement appelles de veille temps Auditoures; et auxint que les dites vynt et quatre par lour serementz elirrount deux suffisauntz communers de eux ou dez autres que unques ne furent baillifs pour estre chamberleyns, aultrement appelles de veille temps receyvours, que entierment receyveront les Rentes, Fynes, amercymentz et toutz aultres profitz de la ville saunz null forsprendre; et auxci que les chambirleyns soient changez dan en an si plest al commune et aultrement nyent.

[*The following passage in brackets has been added in the margin of the page.*]

[Et auxint ils ellirount un homme de ley et quatre des bonez gentz plus suffisauntz et sachauntz pour estre Justicez de la peas ovesque lez ditz baillifs solont le forme de lex lettrez patents nostre seigneur le Rey que ore est a nous grante et les ordinauncez de la dit vile ent fait.]

Item que chescun bailly prendre pour soun office faire l. s. et une robe pris xx. s. et que les baillyfs soyent vestutz en sute. Et que les baillifs soyent chaunges chescun an. Et que nul ne soit Bailly [aldyrmen*] ne receyvour que prent fee on robe dascuny eyaunt maner, terres, ou tenementz, oue sergnourie a ceo appartenaunt, deyns la fraunchise.

Item que les costages que serrount faitz pour la comune profit et honour de la ville soyent ordeyne et faitz par avys des ditz Baillifs ou un de eux, eopt aldermen, siz on quatre ou deux al meyns, oue les deux chamberleyns, ou un de eux si laultre ne poot attendre. Et que la compte de les dites chamberleyns soit comence destre rendu devant les Baillifs, Aldermen, et autres bones gentz de la comune que illocqux voil . . .‡

*Additions interpolated subsequently.

‡A word illegible.

estre doyer la dite acompte toutz jours en temps a vener le lundy proscheyn devaunt le feste de la nativite nostre dame et issynt contenue tanque la accompte soit parfet.

Item ordeigne est que le clerk de la ville serra jure pour delivrer lealment toutz les estretes de toutz les profites de la dite ville, as ditz chambirleyns, les queux chambirleyns deliveront as sergeaunts que serront pour le temps par le avys des baillifs les ditz estretes. Et que les ditz chambirleyns re ceyveront les profitz—[*End of Dorse. Continuation on Folio* 27, *marked* x.]—susditz des ditz sergeauntz par endenture ou par taille. Et en cas que les sergeauntz soyent necligentz ou remys de lever les profitz susditz que les baillifs et les eopt Aldermen susditz oue le comune ferront les sergeauntz susditz et lour plegges respoundre et payer les summes levables en lour estretes a eaux livres.

Item ordeigne est que apres la compte fait les chambirleyns le lundy proscheyn apres ensuant en presence de les Aldermen deliver-ount toutz les profitz de la ville que sount pas despendutz a les chamberleyns subsequens par endenture tripartit, dount lune partie demoura devers les bailiffs. lautre partie devers les ancyens chambirleyns, et la tierce vers les noveles chamberleyns si novelles soyent eslutz ; et si novelles ne soyent eslutz adeunque la tierce partie demoura vers les eopt aldermen susditz. Et que les profitz avaunt ditz soyent mys en la comune ciste ou aillours pour les despences busoignables de la ville, et ceo par lavys de la counseyl de la ville.

Item ordeigne est que en chescune cas que homme est maynpernable que les burgeys ne payent nulle maynprise as bailliffs si ils puissount trover suffisaunte surete de savoir les baillifs sauns damage. Et que nul burgeys rien ne paye pour le seal de office ne pour recounsaunce, ne pour entre de charte, mes seulement al clerk pour soun travaille.

Item ordeigne est que les baillifs et les eopt aldermen chescune an en la semaign de seynt Michel eslirrount a eux seize de les meultz sachauntz et plutz sages de ceux que plutz ount en la ville de Colcestre, des queux les nouns serrount entres en les court roulles et que les ditz baillifs, Aldermen, et les seize soyent counseillours et ordeignours de toutes busoignes que touchent le burgh. Et que ils eyent poer de faire ferme constitucions et ordenaunces toutz jours en temps avener a tener pour le comune profit dil dit burgh, et quils soyent quatre foitz en lan al meyns ensemble on plutz si busoigne soit. A quele asemble si ascun burgeys vodra rien toucher ou dire touchant le comune profit ou damage, il delivera une bille a les baillifs de sa matiere pour monstrer a les ditz vynt et quatre counseillours, et il avera ent respounce a lour proscheyn assemble ou tauntost si lour plest.

Item ordeigne est que de ceo en avaunt nul soit si hardy ou foolz de faire comune clamour en court devaunt les baillifs pour nulle cause que touche la comune aultrement que par bille sour peyne de emprisonement d soun corps. Et que les baillifs et les conseillours avauntditz eyent poer a diffyner et jugger chescune bille que lour est monstre pour la comune.

[*In a later writing.*]

Item ordeigne est que si ascun chamberleyn ledit vile en temps avenir sur soun accompte soit en supplusage quadonques le proscheyn chamberlein de novell eslutz ferra reconisaunce devaunt les baillies de la dit vile pour le temps esteantes, a paier le dit supplusage a le ancien chamberleyn a la feste du Nowell proscheyn ensuant apres la compte mesme le novell chamberlein renduz, pourveu toutz foitz que la compte de dit novell chamberlein serra tout dis rendue apres soun primer an plenerle complet avant le feste du Nowell proscheyn ensuant.—[*End of Folio* 27 (x.)]

[*Dorse of Folio* 27 (x.)]—A queles ordenaunces bien et lealment et perpetuelment tener et garder ordeigne est que toutz les burgeys receantz deyns la fraunchise soyent jures de temps en temps quant il bonement poet estre fait, et que toutz les burgeys que serrount

faitz en temps avener soyent jures de tener et mayntener les ordenaunces desus escriptz sibien come les usages et fraunchises de la ville. Et oultre ceo ordeigne est et establi que cestes ordenaunces avantditz soyent eslutz [*red**] overtement [*opynly**] devant la comune chescune an al comensement del eleccioun avant dit.

Item ordeigne est que apres ceo que la dite eleccioun sort fait que chescune des dites baillifs [*Justice of peas**] aldermen et chamberleyns serra overtement jure de perfourner soun charge come appent a soun office affaire, solunt la fourme ent ordeignes et fait devaunt ces heures.

TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING ORDINANCES. †

[*Dorse of Folio* 26 (ix.).]—

These are the ordinances made by all the Burgesses of the town of Colchester, sworn to hold them according to the form following :—

THE ELECTION OF HEAD MEN, THE FIRST FOUR-AND-TWENTY, THE BAILIFFS, ALDERMEN, AND CHAMBERLAINS. †

At the commencement, on the day of election, it is ordained that four sufficient persons of good conversation who have never as yet been Bailiffs, that is to say one for each ward, by the advice of all the commonalty [who have lands or tenements of the clear value of 40s. a year at least*], shall be elected and sworn to elect to them twenty of the best and most sufficient commoners [excepting common bakers, common innkeepers, common victuallers, and attorneys of this same court] who have never as yet been Bailiffs [and each of whom has lands or tenements of the clear value of 40s. a year at least, or goods and chattels of the value of £40*] the which Four-and-twenty shall be sworn that neither for love nor hatred, procurement, gift, nor affinity, they shall fail to elect two sufficient Bailiffs, of good conversation, loyalest and most profitable for all the commonalty. And also they shall elect eight of the most sufficient and most substantial and wise of the good folk [of the Borough] to be Aldermen of the said town, otherwise called of old time Auditors ; and also that the said Four-and-Twenty shall by their oaths elect two sufficient commoners of themselves or of others who have never as yet been Bailiffs, to be Chamberlains, otherwise called of old time Receivers, who shall receive in their entirety the rents, fines, amerciaments, and all other profits of the town, without withholding any ; and also that the Chamberlains be changed from year to year if it please the commonalty and not otherwise.

* Additions interpolated subsequently.

THE ELECTION OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE. †

[Added subsequently in margin.]

And also they shall elect a man of law and four of the most sufficient and wisest of the good folk to be Justices of the Peace, with the said Bailiffs, according to the form of the letters patent which our lord the King who now is has granted to us, and the ordinances of the said town thereon made.

THE BAILIFFS' SALARIES AND ROBES. †

Item, that each Bailiff shall take for doing his office 50s., and a robe price 20s., and that the Bailiffs be clothed alike. And that the Bailiffs be changed each year. And that no one be Bailiff, [Alderman*], nor Receiver, who takes fee or robe of anyone having manor, lands, or tenements, with lordship thereto belonging, within the franchise.

THE DISBURSEMENTS AND THE CHAMBERLAINS' ACCOUNTS. †

Item, that the costs which shall be made for the common profit and honour of the town be ordained and made by the advice of the said Bailiffs, or one of them, the eight aldermen, or six, or four, or two at the least, with the two Chamberlains, or one of them if the other cannot attend. And that the account of

the said Chamberlains be commenced to be rendered before the Bailiffs, Aldermen, and other good folk of the commonalty who desire to be there to hear the said account, always in time to come on the Monday next before the feast of the Nativity of our Lady, and so continued until the account be perfect.

THE DISPOSAL OF THE MONIES OF THE TOWN. †

Item, it is ordained that the clerk of the town be sworn to deliver loyally all the estreats of all the profits of the said town to the said Chamberlains, the which Chamberlains shall deliver the said estreats to the Sergeants, who shall be, for the time being, by the advice of the said Bailiffs. And that the said Chamberlains shall receive the aforesaid profits—[*End of Dorse. Continuation on Folio* 27 (x.)]—of the said Sergeants by indenture or by tally. And in case the Sergeants be negligent or remiss in levying the profits aforesaid that the Bailiffs and eight Aldermen aforesaid, with the commonalty, shall make the aforesaid Sergeants and their sureties answer and pay the sums leviable in their estreats delivered to them.

A TRIPARTITE INDENTURE TO BE DRAWN UP AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE CHAMBERLAINS' ACCOUNT. †

Item it is ordained that after the account made, the Chamberlains, on the Monday next after ensuing, in presence of the Aldermen, shall deliver all the profits of the town which are not expended, to the subsequent Chamberlains by tripartite indenture, whereof one portion shall remain with the Bailiffs, the other portion with the former (ancyens) Chamberlains, and the third with the new Chamberlains, if new ones be elected ; and if new ones be not elected, then the third portion shall remain with the eight Aldermen aforesaid. And that the profits aforesaid be placed in the common chest, or elsewhere, for the necessary expenses of the town, and this by advice of the council of the town.

BAIL TO BE ALLOWED AND PAYMENTS FOR FEES, &C., ONLY TO BE MADE TO THE CLERK. †

Item it is ordained that in every case that man is mainprisable, the burgesses shall not pay any mainprise to the Bailiffs, if they can find sufficient surety to safeguard the Bailiffs without damage. And that no burgess pay anything for the Seal of Office, nor for recognizance, nor for entry of deed, except only to the Clerk for his labour.

THE ELECTION OF THE COUNCIL OF TWENTY-FOUR. †

Item it is ordained that the Bailiffs and the eight Aldermen, each year in the week of St. Michael, shall elect to them sixteen of the best-informed and wisest of those who possess most in the town of Colchester, whose names shall be entered in the Court Rolls, and that the said Bailiffs, Aldermen, and the Sixteen be councillors and ordainers of all necessary matters touching the borough. And that they have power to make firm constitutions and ordinances always in time to come, to hold for the common profit of the said borough ; and that they be assembled four times a year at least or more if need be.

BURGESSES WITH GRIEVANCES TO PRESENT WRITTEN MEMORIALS. †

At which assembly if any burgess wishes to touch or say anything touching the common profit or damage, he shall deliver a bill to the Bailiffs of his matter, to show to the said Four-and-twenty councillors, and he shall have reply thereon at their next assembly, or at once if it please them.

Item it is ordained that from this time in future no one be so bold or foolish as to make common clamour in court before the Bailiffs for any cause which touches the commonalty, otherwise than by bill, under pain of imprisonment of his body. And that the said Bailiffs and the councillors beforesaid have power to determine and judge each bill which is shown them for the commonalty.

AS TO CHAMBERLAINS TO WHOM MONEY IS DUE ON THEIR ACCOUNTS.†

[*In a later writing.*]

Item it is ordained that if any Chamberlain of the said town, in time to come, have a surplus upon his account, then the next Chamberlain newly elected shall make recognizance before the Bailiffs for the time being of the said town to pay the said surplus to the old Chamberlain at the following Christmas after the same new Chamberlain's account rendered; provided always that the account of the new Chamberlain shall be always rendered, after his first year fully completed, before the feast of Christmas next ensuing.

[*End of Folio* 27 (x.)]

BURGESSES TO BE SWORN TO KEEP THESE ORDINANCES.†

[*Dorse of Folio* 27 (x.)].

To the holding and keeping of which ordinances well and loyally and perpetually, it is ordained that all the burgesses dwelling within the franchise be sworn from time to time when it can well be done, and that all the burgesses who shall be made in time to come be sworn to hold and maintain the ordinances before written, as well as the customs and franchises of the town. And beside this it is ordained and established that these ordinances beforesaid be read openly before the commonalty, each year, at the commencement of the election beforesaid.

THE OATHS OF THE BAILIFFS AND OTHER OFFICERS.†

Item it is ordained that after the said election is made, each of the said Bailiffs, [Justices of the Peace*], Aldermen, and Chamberlains shall be openly sworn to perform his charge, as belongs to his office to be done, according to the form ordained thereon and made before this time.

* Additions interpolated subsequently.

THE OATH OF THE ALDERMEN OR AUDITORS.†

[*Folio* 28. *Marked* xi.—*Latin.*]—

Juramentum Aldermannorum auditorum.

Ye shall, whensoever ye shall be required and forewarned by the Bailiffs, to come and to hear the account and to ordain and consult for the business of the town, duly come, unless ye shall have reasonable impediment; and ye shall be aiding, with the Bailiffs that the profits of the town may be levied, and that all taxations, tallages, or other charges, which shall chance to be assessed within the town, ye shall also see that they may be levied. And that ye shall not allow any gross expenses (grossas expensas) nor presentments which may be made, without the assent of your fellows and the presence of the Chamberlains, as is ordained by the constitutions and ordinances made before these times; and also ye shall not allow nor disallow, unless as it appears best to your discretion and to honesty and peacefully for the whole town; and so ye shall continue from day to day thereon assigned, until the account shall be made and finished, and by indenture thereon fully delivered. And if any of the officers shall be negligent, slothful (piger), and not diligent in doing his office belonging to the town, and to the common profit of the town, that then ye shall not allow him more than the constitution and ancient ordinance requires. And also ye shall be aiding that all farms of the town may be duly let, and that the fines of men who shall be made burgesses may be duly made, according to your discretions, and as it is right that they should be, by power [of levy] of [their] goods.

THE OATH OF THE CHAMBERLAINS.†

Juramentum Camerariorum.

[*Latin.*]—Ye shall well and truly deliver to the Sergeants of the town, by view and assent of the Bailiffs, from time to time, all estreats of rolls of all courts and hundreds of the town

of Colchester, which ye shall receive by the hands of the common clerk of the town; and ye shall receive a faithful account concerning the same, and render to the aldermen of the same town a faithful account of all profits of the same town, on the days assigned thereunto in the said ordinances. No monies of the same, shall ye deliver without view and assent of the said eight aldermen, or six, or four, or two of them, with the Bailiffs aforesaid. And ye shall make an end of the account within the end of the current year and the feast of All Saints thereafter next following. So help you God and the holy gospels of God.

[*In a later handwriting, apparently of the 16th century. Latin.*]

The account to be finished before the 3rd January after the end of the year, according to the constitutions.—[*End of Folio* 28 (xi).]

OATH OF A BURGESS.

[*Dorse of Folio* 28 (xi).]

Juramentum Burgensium.

Thou shal bere feyth and trowthe to Kyng . . . . . Kyng of England, and to his eirs of lyf and membre, and alle erthely worship, and namely to the amendment of the Burgh of of Colchestre, so that non evell ne grevaunce thou shalt do to the Burgh of Colchestr', by thee, ne by none of thyne, ne seen to be do bi non other persone, but that thou shalt letten hit bi thi power, or the Baillyfs and thaldirmen of the said Burgh therof warne or do to be warned. Thou shalt ben obedient at alle tymes to the Baillyfs of the said Burgh, and to there ministres which shul be for the tyme, in all ryghtfull comaundements. Thou shalt ben helpyng and not destourblyng to alle the goodes cateilys and profytes yn tyme comyng to the same Bowrgh of ryght perteynyng, comyng, and befallyng to be areysed and to ben keped to the behoofte, use, and profyte of the same Bowrgh, wyth all thy wysdom and power; and the counseyll of the Baillyfs and of the comunyte wele and trewly thow shalt kepe and hyle [intended for *hyde*]; and thou shalt be redy to helpe wyth al thy wysdam, goodes, catell, and power, at alle tymes yn wiche thou schalt be requered and assessed yn all maner resonable eydes, charges, and helpes to the same Bowrgh befallyng or nedfull, whatsoever yt be; and zyf eny tol, custum, good or catell or eny other profyt to that same Burgh longyng be eny maner persone be led or borne away unpayd the same persones or persone wele and trewly thou shalt wyth sette and take hem or do them to be taken and the same to the custumer [chamberlen*] of the forseid Bowrgh wich shall be for that tyme thou shalt delyvere or ellys make them to ben delyvered; and that undyr colour of thy fredam thow shalt nout maynteyne ne susteyne no maner goodes ne marchaundyses of no maner foreyn persone deceyvably to putten awey the ryghtfull custum and profyt of wych maner goodes, marchaundises foreynes to the said Burgh longyng; and all maner constitucions, ordeignaunces, usages, and fraunchises, as wel of newe as of old constitut, ordeigned, and to be ordeygned yn the said Bowrgh, upon thy myght thow shalt kepe, susteyne, and maynteyne. So helpe the God and holydom.

[*Latin.*]—Each burgess of the burgesses of the town aforesaid has sworn on his oath, to hold the constitutions and ordinances made anew for the election of Justices of the Peace and the other officers, as appear upon folio 63, which shall be read each year on the day of election before the whole commonalty, and to keep the other constitutions and ordinances, and is to be sworn in time to come to hold and conserve them in perpetuity.—[*End of Dorse of Folio* 28 (xi).]

OATH OF THE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.†

[*Folio* 29. *Marked* xii.]—

Juramentum Justiciarum pacis ville predicte.

Ye shull wele and truly serve the Kyng our Sovereyn lord and to his peple in the office of

* "Custumer" has been struck through and "chamberlen" substituted.

Justices of pees in the toun of Colchestre, suburb, libertee, and precincte of the same; and that ye shall nat counseille nor assent to no thyng wych may turne eny damage, harme, hurte, or disheritision to our sovereyn lord or to the toun aboveseid. And that ye shull do even law and execucion in al thyngs apperteynyng and longyng to the seid office to alle the Kyngs subgettis, riche and pouere, wyth ought havyng eny maner regarde to eny maner persone. And that ye shull take no maner reward, gifte, gold, nor silver, of no maner persone wych shall come to your profite in privy nor in apert (in private or in open), to hurte, disherite, or harme in eny maner wyse the profyghts, revenues, and ryght of the seid toun, by the Kyngs grant thereto longyng. And that ye shull not mayntene, by you nor by non othir, en prive nor in apert no maner plee no quarell hangyng afor you touchyng the seid office wythin the seid toun, but that even ryght and lawe be shewed to every persone. And that ye shull do and procure the Kyngs profyte and of his coronn, and of the toun aboveseid, that ye may do ryghtfully and resonably. And all maner fines, amercyments, revenues, profites and forfetes apperteynyng and longyng to the seid office ye shull do truly to be wryten by the comen clerk of the seyd toun, and that to be arered and gadred by the serjaunts of the same, and to be kepte to the comon availle of the seid toun, with ought eny peny thereof to be conceled in any wyse. Andthat ye shull mayntene, kepe, and susteyne all maner constitucions, ordinances, usages, as wele of newe as of old, constitut, ordeyned, and to be ordeyned in the seyd town, to your pouere. So helpe you God and the halidome.

OATH OF THE CONSTABLES.†

(In a different and apparently later handwriting.)

Juramentum Const[abulorum].

Ye shall se the Kyngys pese kepte withyn the liberty of this Town to your power, and all assaualtys, frayes, and rescues done upon you or eny of the Kyngys Officers and subgetts, in your presens, ye shall present and certefye to the baylyffs and Justics for the Kyngs pece withyn the precincte of the borugh. And the affayers and brekers of the pece in your presens areste and put undyr suertye. And all warraunts, preceptys, wrytts and comaundements directyd to you from the Kyng, the baylyffs, and Justics of the peace of this towne, and all other ordinaunces and statuts, to be put in execucion by you, ye shall truly execute and do, upon your connyng, Wisdom, and power. So helpe you God.—[*End of Folio* 29 (xii.)]

BURGESSES CREATED, DEMISES MADE, AND WILLS ENROLLED, ENTERED IN THIS BOOK FROM 1st EDWARD III. (1327-8) AND THEREAFTER, NAMELY IN THE TOWN OF COLCHESTER.*

	BURGESSES.	LEASES, ETC.	WILLS.
		[*The numbers in this column, and also in the columns of "Burgesses" and "Wills," are the numbers of the Rolls in each year, i.e. Roll No.* 1, *Roll No.* 2, *Roll No.* 3, *Roll No.* 5, *&c.*]	
Dorse of Folio 29 (xii.)			
1327-8. BAILIFFS: RALPH KNYGH. EDMUND CHALONER.	1. Alex. Hereward. Richd. Redersdale. 2. John, son of John Glover. Hugh Trewe, baker. John Ketyl of Elmstede. 3. Thos. Passelewe. 5. Walter de Illegh.	2. William Wyot, on Mon. after Jan. 1, surrendered to the Bailiffs† a house built on a plot which he held of the commonalty within South Gate, and adjoining the same on the west side, to the use of John Baker, at a rent of 12d. a year, at Hokeday. Bailiffs granted possession (seisinam) to John Baker, per virgam. 4. Lease† to John Somers, of Boffatestal, next to the stall formerly Adam Stoc's. Rent 14d. at Hokeday. John Somers, as security for such rent, binds his tenement in Westokwell Street, in addition to the said stall.	3. John of Colchester, rector of Tendryngge. 5. Robert of Walhawe. 6. Henry Cocke, rector of St. Martin. 4. Michael Napeles of Colchester.
Folio 30 (xiii.)			
1328-9. BAILIFFS: JOSEPH ELIANORE. ALAN DE LA NEYLONDE.	1. Oliver Besouth. 2. Hereward de Wakam 3. William, son of Richd. atte Melne. John Torold. Roger Bulbek.	1. Cristina Bullok surrendered a house by East Gate, within the walls, to the use of John Baker, shoemaker, of Colchester; possession granted to John Baker; rent 12d. at Hokeday.	5. Ralph atte Gate (ad portam), clerk. Simon de Snapis of Colchester.

* This heading and the subsequent entries are in *Latin*. The name Colchester in the heading is spelt *Colocestrie* and this spelling is observed until 1337, when *Colcestria* takes its place.

† In all cases, unless the contrary is stated, the surrender is "in manibus Ballivorum," and the leases are granted by the Bailiffs and Commonalty.

	BURGESSES.	LEASES, ETC.	WILLS.
	Thos. Mathew. 4. John Coleman of Grynsted. John Knevet of Subbery (Sudbury). John of Markyssale (? Markshall). John Crast. John, called Goldsmyth. 5. Richd. Payn.		
1329-30. AILIFFS : WARIN FITZWILLIAM. JOSEPH ELIANORE.	1. William de Rodyngge Wm. Sthevene. 2. John Soler. 3. Alex. Arther. Wm. Horn, peltmonger. 4. John Abburtone. 5. John atte Hyde, of Neyland. 6. John Burrich, of Hadlegh. Wm. Buk, of Mersey. Clement de Mansoo. 7. Wm. Colle, of Chelmsforde. 8. John ate Hyd, shipman. John atte Vanne, sailor. Adam de Westone, shoemaker. Richard Palme.	Lease to Roger Bilbolt, of a plot at the head of his messuage in East Street, 21ft. long, 36ft. wide on the W., and on the E. corresponding with the width of the house of the said messuage. Rent 12d. at Hokeday.	
Dorse of Folio 30 (xiii.)			10. John Tinctor (Dyer). John, son of John Maymund of Colchester.
1330-1331. BAILIFFS : WARIN FITZWILLIAM. JOSEPH ELIANORE.	1. John Bergholte, shoemaker. Ralph Heved, shoemaker. Wm. Deyer, shoemaker. Henry Josyas, of White Colne. Richd. Evesyng, shoemaker. 3. Wm. Sinewene. 4. Roger Denote, of Peldon. 5. Thos. Wigot. Thomas de Nauntone. Ralph of Leicester. 7. John, son of Wm. Stevene.	3. Lease to John, son of John Schawe of Colchester, of a plot in East Street (Estrat), before the gallows (citra furcas), by the tenement of Bartholomew the Peltmonger, and 70ft. long, 35ft. wide on the west, and 18ft. on the east. Rent 12d. at Hokeday. John Schaw pledges as security his tenement called Hydhous in East Street. 3. Surrender by John de Scheldeforde of a shop (seldam) in the market place, situate between the shops of Robt. Taylour and Wm. atte Park, and held for service of 4s., to the use of Joseph Elianore of Colchester, and Richard de Borham, rector of St. Mary-at-the-Walls, Colchester, and the aforesaid Joseph and Richard, in presence of the Bailiffs, surrendered the said shop to the use of the said John de Seldeforde and Joan Sprynggold, his wife, and the heirs and assigns of the same Joan, for the service aforesaid. 3. Lease to Robt. Arwesmyth of a vacant plot by the tenement of Robt. Kyrkely, 26ft. long, 18ft. wide. Rent, 6d. 3. Lease to Ralph, son of John Sweyn, of a plot within the walls, by the tenement of Robt. Arwesmyth in South Street, 40ft. long, 16ft. wide. Rent, 6d. 6. John, son of Roger Prille, surrendered a shop with the room above (cum solio), by the shop of John the Merchant (Johannis Mercatoris) which the same John holds of the commonalty for a	

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Folio 31 (xiiii.)		service of 5s. a year, and hereon the Bailiffs delivered possession to the said Henry (*sic*). 6. Nicholas le Barbour of Harwich (de herewyco) surrendered a house by St. Helen's well, formerly John Bullok's, which he held of the commonalty for 18d. a year., to the use of John atte Park, to whom possession was granted.	1. William Pope of Gt. Tey, chaplain. 3. Simon Rodbryth of New Street.
1331-2. BAILIFFS : WARIN FITZWILLIAM. JOSEPH ELIANORE.	2. John de Blithe, weaver. 3. Alex. atte Madwe (Meadow), of Elmestede. Wm. Elys, sailor. Hugh le Taylour, of Boxforde. 4. Wm. Brid, of Dedham. Roger of Henye (Henny). 5. John Warde, sailor. Adam Brounadam. Hugh le Meerk. John Ilcent. John Hendy. 6. Geoffrey in the Lane. 7. John ate Chambre de Wrytese.	6. Lease to William Cranemere, of Cosforde, of a vacant plot of land adjoining Hevedgate (Head Gate), 30ft. long, 10ft. wide. Yearly rent, 6d., at Hokeday. 8. Lease to Warin atte Welle, of a plot of land on the south side of St. Runwald's Church, by the shop of the rector (juxta seldam rectoris), 9 feet long, 6 feet wide. Rent, 4d. a year. For which rent the said Warin pledges 1 acre and 3 roods of land in Hythe Street (Hethestrat), which he bought of Warin FitzWilliam.	5. Adam the Priest, son of Roger de Bery.
Dorse of Folio 31. (xiiii.)	1. William Denote. 2. Wm. atte Thorne. 5. Richd. Stotard. 6. John Bely. 7. John, son of John Lucas, of Bryche (Birch). Augustine ate Hathe. John Payn de Salcote. 8. Richard, son of John de Borham, Rector of St. Mary. 9. Adam Spycer. John, son of John de la Bokel. . . . . dyngton. 10. Richd. Bradewey. 11. John Tybbr, of Gt. Henny. John de Caustone.	1. Emma, formerly wife of Thomas le Cook, surrendered a fish-stall in Colchester market place, opposite a messuage of John Loton, to the use of Thomas of Canterbury. Annual rent, 14d. 1. Margaret, formerly wife of William of Mulsham (Moulsham), surrendered a stall in the market to the use of Edmund the Butcher. Annual rent, 2s. 2. Lease to John of Coggeshall, fuller, of a vacant plot adjoining the Castle Ditch (fossatum castri), 110 ft. in length. Annual rent, 6d. 3. Lease to Master Robert Schepperthe (domino Roberto Schepperthe), chaplain, of a plot of land by Morstraat (Moor Street), opposite the field formerly William Oldegate's, 85 feet long, 46 feet wide. Annual rent, 6d.	1. John Bukk. John Borham. 7. Alice, who was wife of John Lotoun. John Loton of Colchester.
Folio 32 (xv.)		4. Lease to John Kygge, of a plot in Morstraat under the wall, by the Prior's plot of land. Annual rent, 6d. The said John Kygge surrendered half the said plot, and likewise the other half thereof, to the use of John Losey, for service of 3d. 5. Thomas of Canterbury surrendered a stall in the market opposite John Lotoun, to the use of Ralph Knygh, to whom possession was granted. Annual rent, 14d. 6. Matthew Wellok surrendered a shop in Colchester market, situated by the shop of William atte Park, to the use of John Spryngold. Annual rent, 4s.	1. Simon Smelc (or Smelt). 6. Hugh Lythwene, clerk.
1333-4. BAILIFFS : WARIN FITZWILLIAM. RALPH ODE.	3. John Blunt. 4. Andrew Stevene. Thomas Deynys. Gilbert Lokyere. 5. Rich. Ladde of Salcote. Wm. Wollemonger of Notley.	12. Lease to Henry Oskyn of a plot at Maydynburgh, 28ft. long, 18ft. wide. Rent, 12d. He pledges his capital tenement. 12. Edmund the Butcher surrendered a butcher's stall in the market to Adam Sowehaler, to whom possession was granted.	

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	William de Claktone. John de Fordham. 6. John Mawolt. 7. John Sterre. Adam atte Straate. 8. William ate Grove. 14. Wm. Chambirleyn of Mersey.		
orse of Folio 32 (xv.)		14. John Chapman and Joan, who was wife of the son of Stephen Fuller (Follon:) of Colchester, executor of the will of the said John, surrendered a shop, under St. Runwald's Church in the market, held by service of 3s. 8d., which the said John, in his last will and testament, left to be sold for the benefit of John Thorold; and on this the Bailiffs granted possession of the same shop to John Thorold, for the service aforesaid.	9. Saher le Pedder.
1334-5. ILIFFS: VARIN FITZWILLIAM. RALPH ODE.	1. John Beton of Leyr (Layer), tailor. Robert Denote of Peldon. 2. John Lache. Thos. Wythirinsett. John Frere of Bryche (Birch). William le Spycer. 3. William, son of Thomas de la Motee John de Lansele. Wm. Otlee. 4. John Beneyt. Roger Costyn. John Bolee. Richd. Fens. Wm. Packe. 5. John Pach of Bryghtlyngesey. Richd. Baker of Sutthereye (Surrey). 6. John le Gaal of Wewynhoo (Wyvenhoe). 7. John Upnour of Stoke. 8. Bartholomew Gerard of Thuryngtone (Thorington). 9. Roger Bunt of Peldon.	3. James Madyon surrendered a plot of land at Colveraselane (Culvers Lane?), opposite John Lotoun's holding, 7ft. long, 4ft. wide, which plot is let to Hugh Trewe, for service of 2d.	
Folio 33 (xvi.)		3. Lease to Ralph Sweyn of a plot in Werstrat (Wire Street), 16 ft. long, 8 ft. wide. Annual rent, 2d. 4. John Looshey surrendered half of a certain plot, which he held of the commonalty by service of 3d., under the stone wall of the town (sub muro lapidi ville) of Colchester, by the plot of Robert Schperthe, to the use of Richard le Delvere, to whom possession is granted. 6. Lease to Geoffrey Dounyng of a plot at New Hythe, 70ft. long, 24ft. wide. Annual rent, 6d. 13. Geoffrey Dounyng surrendered a fish-stall in the market-place, opposite Thomas Franceys' holding. Service, 14d. Possession granted to Thomas Franceys.	2. John Olive. 9. Richd. Pegon.
1335-6. AILIFFS: JOHN JURDON. ROGER BELCH.	1. John Persoun of Snapis (Snape, Suffolk). JohnRady of Bentlygh.	3. Richard, son of Thomas Curteys, surrendered a shop in Colchester market-place, by Philip Chapman's shop. Service, 5s. Leased to Robt. Arwesmyth.	

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	2. Wm. Masoun of Cosforde. 3. Robt. Gylem of St. Osyth.		
Dorse of Folio 33 (xvi.)		5. Geoffrey Dounyng surrendered part of a messuage at New Hythe, near Robt. de Clare's holding, which he holds of the Bailiffs, to the use of Elias le Heerde of Wewynhoe (Wyvenhoe), to whom possession was granted. Service, 3d. 7. Lease to Robert le Clerk of a vacant plot within the town wall, opposite Werstraat (Wire Street) by the plot and tenement formerly Geoffrey le Dyer's, 50ft. long, 20ft. wide. Service, 4d. 7. John, son of Walter le Barbour, surrendered a butcher's stall in the market, by John Belch's, opposite Robt. Taylour's shop, to the use of John Belch, to whom possession was granted. Service, 6d.	10. Peter de Astone. 4. Peter le Wylde. 9. Warin FitzWilliam
1336-7. BAILIFFS : JOHN FYNCH. JOHN CAPERON.	1. Roger Wollemongger. John de Esthey. John Gernoun. Thos. Borham. 2. John Kyng. 3. John, son of John Stevene. 5. Thos. Skynner of Ipswich. 8. John Kyng of Fyngrynghoo (Fingringhoe).	3. Lease to Joseph Elianore of a plot within the wall of Colchester, next the tenement and plot of Richard, Clerk of St. Peter, Colchester, 30ft. long, 15ft. wide. Rent, 2d. 3. Lease to Ralph Sweyn of a plot within the South Postern of Colchester (infra Suthposternam Coloc') 19ft. in length, 10ft. in width. Rent, 2d. a year.	
Folio 34 (xvii.)		5. Henry Spryt surrendered a house next "le Sutscherde," opposite Walter le Trumpour's tenement, to the use of John Waryn. Service, 4d. 6. Lease to Wm. Maldone of a plot within the wall of Colchester, next the entrance of the postern called "le Suthsserde" (South Sherd), 36ft. long, 12ft. wide. Service, 8d a year. 6. Lease to Philip Plebeen of a plot outside "le suthssherde" opposite the messuage, 18ft. long and 9ft. in width, from the upper room and paling (a solio et palicio) to the west. Service, 4d. 6. Wm. Cranemer surrendered a plot, with the houses built upon it by "le hedgat" (Head Gate) on the east side, to the use of Richard le Poore. Service, 6d. 6. Elicia, who was wife of John Raven, surrendered a plot, with the buildings thereon, without North Gate, by the entrance of the same gate, to the use of John, son of Richard Clerk, the lesser (Richardi Clerk, minoris), to whom possession was granted. 8. John de Wyltssher surrendered a vacant plot near Werstraat, opposite the tenement of John Bogs, by the plot of Robt. Clerk, 30ft. in length, 16ft. in width, to the use of Ralph Sweyn. Annual rent, 4d. 8. John Somer surrendered a butcher's stall in the market to the use of John le Cook, of Langham. Service, 14d. 8. Lease to John de Wyltssher of a plot opposite the holding of John Bogs, 32ft. long, 15ft. on the east side, 14ft. on the west. Service, 6d.	4. Wm Gelemyn. 7. William ate Sloo of Ardelegh.
Dorse of Folio 34 (xvii.)			
1337-8. BAILIFFS : MATTHEW FITZ-ROBERT. JOHN FYNCH.	2. John Coslyn of Stutton, clerk. 4. John, son of Nicholas the Dyer. 7. Richd. Pakke.	2. John Spryngold surrendered a shop in Colchester market to the use of Henry Marchaunt and John Boyn. Annual rent, 4s. 3. Richard le Povere surrendered a plot, with the houses thereon, within the wall by le Lefdgate	8. Thomas Bertelot

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	5. John Poyn.	(Head Gate) to the use of Joan le Smethis of Hekforde. Service, 6d. 5. Henry Sprit surrendered [a plot] by the South scherde opposite Walter Trumpour's holding, to the use of John Sale. Service, 4d. 6. Lease to Ralph de Teye, chaplain, a plot within the wall, adjoining Castle-land field (campum castellond), by the plot of Henry Osekyn, 10ft. in length, and 18ft. in width. Rent, 6d.	
1338-9. AILIFFS : RALPH ODE. JOSEPH ELIANORE.	1. John Wayn (or Wayir) of East Bergholt. Wm. Prentys of Grittone, butcher. 2. Gilbert Scarlet. Nich. Caperoun. 3. John Attecros. 4. John de Tenham. 5. John Marchal of Weffenhoo (Wyvenhoe). John Sweyn. 6. John de Kent.	2. Robert Cok surrendered a house opposite Walter Trumpour, to the use of John Costyn, smith. Service, 4d. 2. Lease to Ralph de Teye, chaplain, of a plot by Castle Field, near the plot of the same Ralph, 40ft. in length, 18ft. in width. Rent, 6d.	3. Robert of Layer.
Folio 35 (xviii.)		3. Lease to Henry de Markham of a plot opposite Maydenburgh, by the plot of John Thurgon, 40ft. long, 18ft. wide. Rent, 6d. 3. Lease to Lambert Heyroun, thatcher (thechchere) of a plot by Henry de Markham's, 40ft. long, 18ft. wide. Rent, 6d. 3. Joseph Spryngold surrendered a plot, with the houses thereon, within North Gate, by Richard the Clerk's, 30ft. long, 15ft. wide, to the use of Wm. Kyriol de Messyng, to whom possession was granted. Service, 2d. 5. John Wildsthere surrendered a plot by the tenement of John Bog, 36ft. long, 15ft. wide on the east, 14ft. on the west, to the use of John atte Soler, to whom possession was granted. Service, 6d. 6. John Thurgon surrendered a plot near "Castel feeld," by the tenement of Ralph de Teye, chaplain, 40ft. long, 18ft. wide, to the use of Sayer Lorymer, to whom possession was granted. Service, 6d. 9. William atte Park surrendered a shop (schopam) in the market place, by Richard Copforde's shop, to the use of Alex. Attewelle of Fyngrynghoo. Service, 3s. 6d. 10. Robert Arwesmyth surrendered the rent of his tenement in Wystrat, by Ralph Sweyn's tenement, to the use of Robt. Hood of Layer. Service, 6d. 10. Ralph de Teye surrendered a plot by Castelfeeld 80ft. long, 18ft. wide, to the use of John Pyk. Service, 12d. 12. Lease to John le Bowyere of a plot of land 1½ft. wide, 16ft. long, as lying from the common hall as far as the market place, in augmentation of his rents, which he holds there of the commonalty, to have and to hold, etc.	6. Oliver Bastard.
1339-1340. BAILIFFS : WARIN ATTEWELLE. ROBERT LE CLERK.	3. John Ropere. 5. John Orsete, sailor. 7. Nicholas Wrighte. John, son of Nicholas Sayer. 9. John Mentil. 11. Thos. Taylour.		4. Roger le Dyere

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	Peter Wisbech 14. Wm. Persent. John Smyth. 15. Henry Horspet		
Dorse of Folio 35 (xviii.)		1. Richard le Barbour, of Colchester, surrendered a shop with its appurtenances, in the market-place, Colchester, situated by Richd. Sperlyng's shop there, opposite Ralph Knyght's messuage, to the use of John Boyn, which shop he has held from the commonalty by service of 4s. 1. Henry Teband surrendered a plot, by the plot of Robt. Heyroun, opposite Lambert Heyroun's, 40ft. long, 18ft. wide, to the use of Thos. Everard, to whom possession was granted. Service, 6d. 1. Sayer Lorymer surrendered a plot by that of John Pyk, in Maydenburgh, to the use of Henry Osekyn, to whom possession was granted. Service, 2d. 2. Joan, who was wife of Henry Smyth, of Ekkeforde, surrendered her tenement by Hefdgate (Head Gate), to the use of Joan Smythis, her daughter, to whom possession was granted. Service, 6d. 2. John Marham surrendered a vacant plot in Maydenburgh, to the use of Matthew Wrighte, 40ft. long, 18ft. wide. Possession granted. Service, 6d. 2. Lease to Willian. Gille, of Colchester, of a certain vacant plot, in form of a shield, containing in length 3 perches of land, and in width to the east, against the street (stratam), 3 perches, and lying between the field called Longlond, and the street leading to Danneldhel, by service of 1d. 4. Wm. de Brome surrendered a shop in Colchester market-place, by the shop of Philip Chapman, under the wall of St. Runwald's Church, to the use of Wm. Cok, merchant of Colchester. Service, 4s 6d. 4. Lease of John Aleyn of a plot at New Hythe, lying in the meadow of the commonalty, called Saltmed, 25ft. long, 80 feet wide ; also to the same John Aleyn all that plot lying from the plot aforesaid as far as the bank of the Hythe, as lying at the side of the plot beforesaid, 80ft. in width, to have and to hold the plot of land aforesaid for building, and the other plot for quayage, whensoever it shall please him, for service of 18d., so that he and his heirs and assigns may give, bequeath, and assign, to whomsoever and whensoever they will, the aforesaid plots, according to custom, etc., saving always the rent aforesaid to the commonalty, and that no quayage be taken from burgesses for their wares placed there, or for their boats or ships brought or fastened there. 7. John, son and heir of John Wrighte, surrendered a messuage in Colchester, formerly his father's, to the use of John Fynch, senior, to whom possession was given. Service 3s. per annum.	
Folio 36 (xix.)		7. Geoffrey Deyer surrendered a plot under the stone wall of St. Botolph, to the use of Henry Marchaunt, and Cristina his wife, to whom possession was given. Service 12d. 7. Henry Marchaunt surrendered a shop in the market-place, by Wm. Attepark's shop, and thereon the Bailiffs grant it to the said Henry and Christina his wife, and their heirs and assigns. Service, 4s.	

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		10. Lease to John Scotlond of a plot at Holiwelle, 10 perches in length, and in width at either end one perch, and two perches in the middle. Annual rent, 4d. 10. Adam Brounadam surrendered his holding in All Saints' parish, next to Helen Baker's holding, to the use of John Capon, to whom and his heirs possession was given. Annual rent, 12d. 13. Robt. Schepelether, chaplain, surrendered a plot of land, 96ft. long, 66ft. wide, to the use of Elias Springold, to whom possession was granted. Service, 6d.	
1340-1. BAILIFFS: ROBERT CLERK. WILLIAM HADLEGH.	1. Roger de Croxtone. John Longejhon. Henry de Marham. John Lanvaal. Richd. Dyngaryght. John, son of Robert Baker. 2. Stephen de Hetham, butcher. John Scotlond. 3. John Drory. Richd. Drory. Wm. atte Water. Robt. Goode. Richd. Smyth. Henry Wlfey. John de Coggeshale, fuller. 4. Thos. Bray, peltmonger. Geoffrey Webbe, of Dedham. 6. John Bertelot. Wm. Crabbe. 8. Henry Crast. John Broun, sailor. 9. Geoffrey Throstelfoorde.	5. John Soleer surrendered a plot, with the houses thereon, within the wall of Colchester, at Eldelonde, to the use of Agnes Milis, John, son of the same Agnes, and Margaret his sister, to whom possession was granted. Service, 6d. 5. Lease to John Baker of a plot within the wall next to South Gate, on the east side, 20ft. long, 16ft. wide. Service, 3d. 6. Lease to Robert Bosse, junior, of Colchester, of a plot in Southstraat, 23ft. long, 2½ft. wide. Rent, 2d.	Memorandum: No will is found in this year.
Dorse of Folio 36 (xix.)		8. Richard le Barbour surrendered a quay with the buildings thereon, at New Hythe, to the use of John le Belch, to whom possession is given. Service, 3s. 10d. 9. Elias Heerde surrendered a tenement at New Hythe, formerly Geoffrey Douning's, to the use of Henry Crast, to whom possession is given. Service, 4d. 10. Lease to William Hadlegh of a plot by St. Helen's Well, 10ft. long, 30ft. wide. Service, 2d.	
1341-2. BAILIFFS: JOHN FORDHAM. WILLIAM BUK.	1. John le Frensshe. Robt. Wymark. Henry Taylour. 2. John Hamer. 7. John Packard. 7. Roger le Webbe. Thomas, son of John Bulbek. 10. John Symme. 11. Wm. Baton.	3. Thomas Fraunceys surrendered a fish-stall opposite the tavern door, to the use of John Fynch, to whom possession is given. Rent, 4d. 4. John Capoun surrendered all the tenement formerly John de Teye's, adjoining Helen Baker's tenement, to the use of Henry Barbour, to whom possession is given. Service, 12d. 4. Lease to Joan, who was wife of John le Dyer, and to Simon Cook (Coco), of a waste plot (placeam vastat') in East Street, which was Simon Strotyn's, and which came to the hands of the lord King as an escheat, on account of the said Simon Strotyn being convicted of felony. To be held by the said Joan and Simon by service of 6d.	John Burgess [a line illegible, probably stating his place of abode, possibly Fingringhoe.]

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Folio 37 (xx.)		5. Thomas Hewe surrendered all his quay at New Hythe, which was Peter de Astone's, to the use of John de Tenham, to whom it was granted, by service of 6d. 6. Alex. Attewelle surrendered a shop (schopam) with ground (fundo) and the upper room built upon it, formerly William Attepark's, to the use of John Hyd, to whom it was granted by service of 4s. 6. Bartholomew Skynnere surrendered a tenement in East Street, before the gallows (citra furcas), to the use of Edmund Skynnere, to whom possession was granted. Service, 6d. 6. Thomas Fraunceys surrendered a plot opposite his tenement in the market place to the service of Robert Fraunceys and Margaret his wife. Service, 6d. 6. John Kygge surrendered two houses under one roof, with the same parcel of garden, to the use of Arnulph Alphey, to whom they were granted, &c. Service, 3d. 7. John Cook, of Langham, surrendered a stall in the market, which was Walter Illegh's, to whom possession was granted. Service, 14d. 10. Lease to John Peldone, sailor, at New Hythe, of a piece of land in the meadow of Saltmad, by the plot of John Aleyn, 75ft. long, 72ft. wide. Also was granted to the same John the whole plot of land of the width of the land aforesaid, lying from the said plot as far as the bank of the Hythe, to have and to build (et edific') on the aforesaid plot of land, and the other plot for quayage (ad Kayand'), to the aforesaid John, for the service of 12d. And the same John and his heirs and assigns may freely give, bequeath, or assign the said plots to any person, no quayage to be taken from any burgess for his wares. 10. Lease to Nicholas Chapman of a plot at the Hythe in the meadow aforesaid, by the plot of John Peldone, 75ft. long, 72ft. wide. Also is granted to the same all the plot aforesaid of the width of the plot beforementioned, as far as the bank, to have the said plot for building and the other plot for quayage. Service, 12d. 10. Lease to John Lucas of a plot in the meadow aforesaid, by Nicholas Chapman's, 75ft. long, 72ft. wide. [Same terms as the preceding plots.] 10. Lease to John Tenham of a vacant plot at New Hythe opposite the said John's holding, 40ft. long, 28ft. wide. Service, 4d. 10. Lease to William Lok of a plot adjoining Houndepet, near the plot of Matthew Fitz Robert, 132ft. long, 25ft. wide on the east, and 17ft. on the west, Rent, 2d.	
1342-3. BAILIFFS : JOSEPH ELIANORE. JOHN FORDHAM.	1. Wm. Here, weaver. John le White, of Briche (Birch). 2. Thos. Bocher. 3. John Wyberd. John le Portherde. John Attecherche. 4. Richd. of Briche (Birch.) 6. Wm. Cokayne.		
Dorse of Folio 37 (xx.)	7. Stephen Wodesey. John Brookman, of Goldanger (Goldhanger.) John Rennekyn, of Bokkyng (Bocking.)	2. Walter Delleye surrendered a butcher's stall in the market near Alex. Hereward's stall, to the use of Aylmer (Aliemari) le Bocher. Service, 14d. 4. John Pyk, carpenter, surrendered all his plot, with the houses thereon, in Maydenburgh, by Henry Osekyn's plot, to the use of Ralph de	3. Helen, relict of Robt. le Mellere 7. Adam de Clare. Thomas, son of Peter de Aston. 9. John Springold.

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	8. John Alderegge. Henry Barbour. 10. Walter le Smyth. 11. Robt. Beche. Wm. Crast. StephenFrankeleyn. 12. Adam Foorbour. James Saddelere. 13. Reginald Coteleer.	Teye, chaplain, to whom possession is granted. Service 12d. 5. Ralph de Teye, chaplain, surrendered his plot with the houses thereon, opposite Maydenburgh (*sic*), by Henry Osekyn's, to the use of John Pyk, carpenter, and Alice his wife, and Joan their daughter, to whom possession was given. Service, 12d.	11. Margery Sarcok
1343-4. BAILIFFS : ROBERT CLERK. ROGER BELCH.	1. Henry, son of John Sayer, of Copforde. Robert de Fulham. 2. John de Cheddre. John Not of Fordham. 3. John Todenham. John Raven, fuller. 8. Alex. Hervey. Geoffrey Chapman de Burgh. 9. John of Hokkelee.	1. Joan, who was wife of John Dyer, surrendered a roofed (coopertum) butcher's stall in the market-place, by John Boyn's shop, to the use of John Boyn. Service 2d. 5. Lease to Martin Webbe of a plot of land in East Street, by Thomas Lot's tenement, near the field called Eldgatefeeld, in length	No will is found in this year.
Folio 38 (xxi.)		120ft., in width on the south 26ft., and on the east side 30ft. Service, 12d. 9. Robert Hood surrendered a house in Wystratt (Wire Street ?), by the tenement of Ralph Sweyn, to the use of Peter Wisbeche, to whom possession, etc. Service, 6d. 10. Lease to William Golle (or Colle), of a plot in augmentation of a croft [leased] to the said William, called "le merssplot" (Marsh Plot), next the lane leading as far as Patesmad, 3½ perches long, one foot wide at the north end, and one perch in the middle; and 2 feet at the south end. Service, 1d.	
1344-5. BAILIFFS : JOHN WARYN, sen. WILLIAM HADLEGH.	1. Hugh Lucas, of Briche. Thos. Wonbotesham. Adam de Sayam. 3. John Bosse. Martin Foylour. 4. John le Cog, of Dedham. Richd. Bayer. 5. Thomas Jerneys. John de Bery, tanner. 7. Wm. Crane. John Hamkyn, of Fyngringhoo. John, son of Robert de Briche. 8. Nicholas de Fenyngham, Richard de Coppedook. Richd Jurdon, de Walton. Richd. Syward.	2. Richd. Schawe, chaplain, surrendered a plot before Holiwelle, 15 perches in length, 3 feet wide on the east end, 1 foot on the west, and two perches in the middle, to the use of John Symmund, to whom possession, &c. Service, 4d. 7. Wm. Langlee surrendered a plot of land next Joseph Dober's plot, opposite Simond Boynard's, in length by the stone wall 24ft. and by the street 17ft., and in width at the west end 14ft., and at the east end 10ft., to the use of Thos. Langslade. Service, 2d. 8. John Kigge surrendered all his holding at Barbershel (Barber's Hill) in Moor straat by Richard le Gaal's tenement, to the use of John, son of John Andrew and Joan his wife, to whom, &c. Service, 3d.	6. John Waryn, senior.
1345-6. BAILIFFS : WILLIAM HADLEGH. THOMAS DE DEDHAM.	2. John Godard. Richd. Hardyng. Thos. Clerk, fuller. 3. Thomas Draper. 5. Nicholas Mason. Richd. Reydone. Stephen Wodegate. 7. John Mason. Robert le Cook.	2. Lease to William Wrighte of a plot at Houndepet by William Lok's plot, 74ft. in length, and in width at either end, 18ft. Service, 2d. 3. Lease to John Clerkessone, junior, of a plot under the wall without North Gate, behind the shop (retro schopam), 72ft. in length, and in width next the shop, 16½ft., and at the other end to the east, 12ft. Service, 3d.	6. Richard de Colne. 8. John de Fordham. *John le Jax.** 11. Nicholas le Groos. Juliana, who was wife of John Kelye.
Dorse of Folio 38 (xxi.)			

* Interpolated in a later handwriting.

	BURGESSES.	LEASES, ETC.	WILLS.
	Richd. Bonde, cooper. 8. Richd. Thetcher. John Dru. John Hauk. John Sayer, peltmonger. John Attechanbre Wm. de Boccyngham Robt. Nichole 10. Richd. le Smyth de Halstede John Blacchestere Adam Atterothe 11. Richd. Martyn, spicer. 12. John Ketil. 14. Geoffrey Dawe.	4. Lease to John Reede, jun., of a plot opposite his tenement, which was Roger Buc's, 40ft. long and 5ft. wide at the north end, 8ft. in the middle, and 8ft. at the south end. Service, 2d. 13. Lease to John Olyveer of Colchester of a plot within North Gate, opposite his tenement, 22ft. long, 18ft. wide. Rent, 4d.	
1346-7. BAILIFFS : THOMAS DE DEDHAM. WILLIAM DE HADLEGH.	Nihil invenitur quia Rotule Curie secate sunt. (Nothing is found because the Rolls of the Court have been cut)		
1347-8. BAILIFFS : THOMAS DE DEDHAM. WILLIAM DE HADLEGH.	1. John Saman. 2. Stephen Dawe of Allesforde (Alresford). 5. Thos. Hewe, of Beauchamp. Roger Chamberlayn.		
Folio 39 (xxii.)	8. John de Northamtone. Thomas Kyngsleer. 9. Adam Sejaunt. 10. John Bakere, de Pebmerssh. Stephen Everard. 12. Robt. Attecros.	9. Lease to John Attewalle of a plot in front of his tenement in Moor Street, 30ft. long, 2ft wide, Service 1d.	5. John de Boccyngham. 7. Richd. le Barbour. 8. John Parles. Robert le Taylour. 10. William de Stanfeelde. John, son of Peter de Aston.
1348-9. BAILIFFS : WILLIAM HADLEGH. ROGER BELCH. In the 22nd year [of Edward III.] in the first Plague (in prima pestilencia).	1. Walter Aylewene 2. Roger Taylour, of Bergholte. 3. Richard Attedoune. 4. Ralph de Teye, chaplain. John de Horkeslegh 8. Roger Teylere, baker. John Symund, smith. Robt. Hood. John Meriweder. 10. Eustace Admar, of Alsforde (Alresford). 13. Roger Barker, of Horkeslegh. 14. John Copforde, chaplain. John Wille, of Bryghtlynsey. John Groceer, merchant. Wm. Mate. John Elys, of Wevenhoo (Wyvenhoe). 15. William de Clare, ironmonger. John Seerle.		4. Joan, wife of Thomas Scoot. John Belch. 5. John Gest. Hugh Taylour. Simon Delvere. Robt. Edward. John Caperon. John Sale, cook. Wm. Cokayne. Sybil, wife of Wm. de Badwe (Baddow?) of New Hythe. Alice, wife of John Swarthare. John Swarthare.
Dorse of Folio 39 (xxii.)			Nicholas Flour Margery, wife of John Edward. John Carter.

BURGESSES.	LEASES, ETC.	WILLS.
		Richd. Pig. John Wegeer. John Stocfyssh. Thomas, son of Simon woolmonger. John Marchant, of Clactone. John Valentyn, of Miland. Agnes, wife of John Sterr. John le Clerk. 7. Robert de Schrebbestraat. John, son of Robt. de Schrebbestraat. Henry Algood. Margaret, wife of Henry Algood. Thos. Beston. Juliana, wife of Roger Webbe. Roger Morice, chaplain. 9. Juliana Gray. John Gogel, chaplain. Henry atte Neulonde. John Lucaas. Joan, wife of John Dyere. Alice, relict of Walter Browe. John Lathe. Henry Horsepet. 10. John Bowyer. Thos. Attegate. John Scot, of West Donylonde. John Spryngold, senior. John Peggon. John Edward. John de Horkeslegh. Bartholomew Chandler. Nicholas le Mason. Gilbert le Mason. Alice, wife of Richd. Edward. Robert de Fulham. John, son of John Belch. Marg., wife of Wm. Fermory. John Springold, jun. Marg., wife of Thos. Attegate. John, son of John Gernoun. Cristina, wife of John Gernoun. Emma, wife of Wm. Hadlegh, jun. 12. Richd. Bowyer of Dedham. John Davy. Alice, wife of John Davy. Richolda, wife of Richard de Copforde. Cristina Knyght.

	BURGESSES.	LEASES, ETC.	WILLS.
1348-9. (CONTINUED.)			13. Wm. Attewelle. Agnes, daughter of Wm. Attewelle John, son of Richd. Hefd, tailor John Lansele. Nicholas le Chapman. John Ratelesdene Henry Marchaunt. Martin le Webbe Joan, relict of Martin Webbe Thomas de Dedham. John Tibbe John fil. Warin, fil. Will. Sarr. Waryn. Thos. Waryn. Joan, relict of Thos. Waryn. Alice, relict of Warin fil. William.
Folio 40 (xxiii.)		1. Lease. The Bailiffs granted to Roger Morice that he might enclose (includere) and hold for his own as several (pro suo separali). Rent 1d. per annum. 2. Matthew Rolf surrendered a plot in the corner of the field called Scholand to the use of John of Fremyngham. Service 2d. 8. Lease to Warin Attewelle of a vacant plot by North Bridge 30 ft. long, 20 ft. wide on the north, and 10 ft. on the south. Service 4d. 11. Aylemar Loch surrendered a butcher's stall in the market place by Richard Tote's stall, to the use of John Wyard of Wetherinndfoorde, to whom possession was granted. Rent 14d. Geoffrey le Dyer surrendered a shop in the market place by William Attepark's shop, to the use of John Byon, for the service aforesaid, 14d.	14. Ralph Hefd, cordener. John Halle, sen. John Gilmyn. Juliana, wife of John Gardener. Cristancia Chandeler. Julian de Dovercoort. Peter, son of Joseph Elianore John de Harlinge Hawis (Hawisia), wife of John Davy. Joan, wife of Thomas Hugh. John Olyver Richard Copforde. Marg., wife of Nich. le Wrighte. Marg., wife of John Foorde. Amice Chapman. Isabel, daughter of John Fynch. 15. Wm. de Batelesdene. Robt., son of William le Clerk. John Rady of New Hythe. Agnes, wife of Robt. Edward. John Dru, merchant. Warin Attewelle. 16. Ralph Sweyn. John Baker, shoemaker. Richd., son of William le Clerk. John Kent, peltmonger. Matilda Crudde. 17. Philip Atteschawe. Thos. Bray, peltmonger. Henry Josias. Hugh Trewe.

	BURGESSES.	LEASES, ETC.	WILLS.
			Marg., daughter of Hugh Trewe. Robt. Bosse.
1349-50. BAILIFFS : MATTHEW FIL. ROBERT. ROBERT FRAUNCEYS.	1. Richard le Rece. Robert de Kedyngton. John Atteholt. Thos. Knyght. 2. Adam Bambrigge. Richd. Vaws, of Stoke.		
Dorse of Folio 40 (xxiii.)	Robt. Goode, jun. Adam Hodyam. John Heerde. Wm. Alphethele. 3. Wm. Lavendeer. John Goodsoule. 5. John Abot. Wm. Eccheneer. John Pod. Ralph Kyng, of Neylonde (Nayland). 7. Richd. Baker, of Harlestone. Thos. Stystede. John Tilnere. John Sage. 8. Wm. Rymour. John Grotene. Adam Attegrene. John Danewey. John Attebyde, of Stoke. Roger Bulbek. 9. Hugh Bray, of Ossyngdon (Ossington.) John Colsale. John Heyr. 10. Robt. Lollebrock. Wm. Thatcham, of Maldon. 11. Geoffrey Lyoun. Wm. Caldewelle. John Salcote. 12. Roger Love. Thos. Moneron. Thos. Wyse.		2. Thos. le Taylour. 3. Richd. de Suthereye. Robt. Palat. John Buk, butcher. 4. John de Kirkeby. Robt. de Kirkeby. 5. Robt. Sayer. Alice Stunch. Adam Spicer. Wm. Sperlyng, son of Richd. Sperlyng. Wm. Sperlyng, dyer. Walter Plomer. John Kyng. Agnes Mulsham. Wm. Cook, butcher. 6. John Peldone. John Phelippe, clerk. 7. Ralph Ode, of Colchester. Wm. Cook, merchant. 8. John Cok, of Colchester. John Wyberd, of Colchester.
Folio 41 (xxiv.)		1. Lease to Robt. Beche of a shop by the gate of the hall of the commonalty of Colchester. Service, 6s. 8d. 2. Lease to John Gosse, rector of Holy Trinity, of that house which the said commonalty has had by grant of William Maldon, Wm. Bacon, John Bussel, to hold of the commonalty as long as he resides there (quamdiu advixit.) 2. John Dyke surrendered his holding by Hevedgate (Head Gate), which the Bailiffs granted to John Attenasse, to hold to himself and his heirs in perpetuity, by deed. Rent, 6d. 4. Lease to Thos. Markessale of the tenement which was John Bog's, by a messuage, formerly William Cook's. Service, 6d. 4. Lease to William de Maldon, of a plot with house thereon, by the gate called Suthscherde. Service, 8d. 4. Richd. Hardyng surrendered a butcher's stall in the market-place by Richard de Tote's stall. Service 14d. 4. Wm. Poyer surrendered his house in the corner of Scholond, and the Bailiffs granted it to	9. Geoffrey Thurstelfoorde. 10. Roger Symund, of Hythe. John, son of Nicholas le Dyer 11. William de Copforde.

	BURGESSES.	LEASES, ETC.	WILLS.
		Walter Otle, Christina his wife, John Petyjohn and Mary his wife. Service, 2d., for the whole of their lives. 5. Wm. Cook surrendered a stall in the market-place, which was his father William's, and the Bailiffs granted it to Dennis, son of the said William. Service, 14d. 5. Geoffrey Marshall surrendered a tenement which he inhabits in the market-place, and the Bailiffs granted it to the same [Geoffrey] to hold with the supports (cum tramibus), by service of 5s. 2d. 9. Miles Terrer surrendered a plot, with tenement without East Gate, at the north end of Oldgate-feeld, 134 (?) feet long, 27ft. wide. Granted to Wm. Caldewelle. Service, 6d.	
1350-1. BAILIFFS : JOHN ATTEFOORDE. ADAM DE COLNE. *Dorse of Folio* 41 (XXIV.)	1. Roger Seteleer. Richd. Bruerptone. John Pulham, baker. 2. Geoffrey Bungey. John Notehale. 3. John Cosyn. John Munchesyn. 4. John Clerk, apparitor. Robt. Thomas. Robt. Arundel. John Bentelegh. 6. Richd. Packard, tum separator. John Cook, of Alsforde (Alresford). 9. Sir (Dominus) John Sumnour. 11. Peter Hert. Richd. Coryour. Wm. Pedder.	7. Lease to Robt. Sage of a plot of land by Castle Field, to hold by deed, by service of 6d. 7. Lease to Robt. Sage of a plot at Maydenburgh, which Henry Osekyn held, next Castle Field, between the tenement of the said Robert on one side, and a messuage of Robert Lane on the other. Service 6d., by deed. 10. Lease to Simon Lotoun of a plot of land by the tenement of Hugh Trewe, next St. Helen's well. By deed, by service of 6d.	4. Wm. Granger. 5. John Arwesmyth. 7. Edmund le Skynner. 11. Wm. Gille. Thos., son of Barthol. Gerard.
1351-2. BAILIFFS : MATTHEW FIL. ROBERT. WILLIAM FERMERY. *Folio* 42 (XXV.)	2. Roger Atterothe, tum separator. 3. John Paynot. Wm. Heyrer. 6. John Rady. 7. Richd. Felyx. John Sumnour, woolmonger. Adam Boteler, of Colne. 8. Roger Baker. William Badel. Simon Slade, of Bergholte. John Marham.		4. John Loton. Alice, relict of John Loton. 7. John Attehathe, butcher.
1352-3. BAILIFFS : ADAM DE COLNE. ROBT. ATTEFOORDE.	2. Henry Templeer, of Alsforde (Alresford). 5. Arnold Ketil. 6. Thos. Sneyl. Jas. Berdefeeld. John Taylour. Stephen Lyndraper. John Spug. Elias Gantron. John de Bery, merchant. 7. Wm. Berdy. 9. Richd. Estmaar.		3. John Attehyd, merchant. 4. Wm. Maldone. John Cogger. 11. Roger Belch.

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	Thos. Atteslade. Wm. Aspeland. 10. Richd. Fraumesdene. 11. John Gippe. 12. Alex. Moneroun. John Cardemaker. John Knyght. Stephen Hanekyn. John Belamy.		
1353-4. LIFFS: EN DYERE. CHARD BRADEWEY.	1. John Qyntyn, of Peldon. Thomas Lamb. John Ookman. Henry Cok. Geoffrey Martyn.		
s of Folio 42 (XXV.)	2. John Erviegard (or Ermegard). John Thomas. John Prentys. 3. Thos. Todenham. Nicholas Gardener. Arnold Flemyng Richd. Thursteyn. Thos. Edward. Andrew Goldsmyth. 4. John Benhale. 6. Wm. Mome. Ralph Ketil. 7. William Prikke. John Veroo. John Halleman, jun. John Bolthood, of Stystede (Stisted). John Symund. John Reed, of Stoke. 8. Lawrence de Mallynger. Walter Heldere. 9. Adam Turnour. John Solaas. James Attebrook. Robt. Chapman. Peter (?) Webbe of Est . . . . . 10. Samuel Jernyngon. John Cok. Thomas Potter, separator. John Rogelage. Ralph Balderoo. 11. Henry Heerde. 12. Richd. son of John de Bergholte. Thos. Bastwayte. Wm. Kyng, tailor. Wm. Bradewey. John Clerk, "webbe" (weaver), at Hefdgate (Head Gate). 13. Robt. Chapelayn. John Algar. Wm. Costyn, smith. Richd. Lalleforde, smith. Wm. Beaumays. John Beaumays. John Scoon. Walter Abbot. Richd. Sebern.		3. Warin Parker.

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	14. Wm. Kyng, tailor. Simon Plomer. Robt. Wrighte.		
1354-5. BAILIFFS : JOHN BOYN. CLEMENT LE DYER. *Folio* 43 (xxvi.)	1. John Arvewey. 3. Wm. Tabour, of Herlowe (Harlow). Richd. Hoolde, cook. Robt. Chaloner, of Clacton. Walter Baker, of Clacton. 4. John Prentys, of of Neylonde. John Doraunt, of Neylonde. 7. John Mason, of Sudbery, separator. 8. John Brightrych. John Attehel, of Thoriton (Thorington.) Wm. Lamb. 9. Richd. Spiceer. Wm. Knap. 12. Thos. Herre. John atte Estey. 15. Wm. Attebrok. Wm. Sprunt. Geoffrey Sextayn, of Lellesey (? Elsing), separator. Ralph Barbere. Roger Petyt. Roger Pykerel. John Houlot. Wm. Ketil. John Pylat. Austin Plomer. 16. Wm. Fraunceys. John Braundone. John Peryforde John Pyritone, smith. Nicholas Snel.	13. Lease to Matthew, son of Richard le Dyer, of all that tenement, with garden adjoining, by the moor (juxta moram) of the said Richard in Maydenburgh, which was the holding of Matthew le Wrighte, to hold to himself and his heirs, per virgam. Rent, 2d.	2. William de Brome. 9. William Rymour.
1355-6. BAILIFFS : ADAM ATTEWELLE. RICHARD LE DYERE.	2. Adam Prat. Richd. Kyng. Robt. Taylour. 3. Peter le Heerde. Peter Schathere. John Petyngeer. 6. Richd. Sothereyn, cardmaker. 8. Stephen Baron. Wm. Grene.		
Dorse of Folio 43 (xxvi.)	9. Thos. Boxtede. Wm. Dyere. 11. Wm. Barbour. 12. Thomas atte Taffle of the Hythe. John Danyel. 13. Felicia Joyes. Henry Begenyle. Alice Caperon 14. Simon Attegrove.	12. Lease to Roger Hootfoot of a plot of land, 50 feet long, 1½ft. wide at each end and 3ft. wide in the middle. In which plot the said Roger [has] the north side of his messuage which was John Wulf's without the Heftgate (Head-Gate) to hold to the same Roger per virgam. Service, 3d. 13. Henry Skynnere surrendered to the use of Ralph Baldewyne a plot at Eldelond. Service, 6d. per annum.	13. Alex. Gerrard. Rose, who was wife of John Jay.

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	15. Nicholas Attehath. Austin Foul. John Hanecok. John Caperoun. Hugh Bertelot.	14. Lease to Richard Dyere of a stall in the hands of the Bailiffs through default of heirs, 8ft. in length and 4ft. in width. Service, 4d. 14. Lease to Adam de Colne of a stall standing near the stall aforesaid. Service, 4d.	
1356-7. BAILIFFS : JOHN ATTE FOORDE. JOHN ALAYN.	1. Thos. Heryng. Richd. Leyham. Wm. Beaumays. 2. Roger Lavender. 3. Richd. Sweyn. Henry Proude 6. John Waller. Alan Webbe.		
Folio 44 (xxvii.)	7. Walter Gylet. 9. Wm. Cristemasse. Henry Melemaker. 10. John Kyng, of Coggesshale. 13. John Jerneys. Wm. Ardelegh.	11. John Fynch surrendered a stall opposite the tavern door of Robert Fraunceys, in the market place. Annual rent, 4d. 13. Lease to Roger Horkeslegh of a plot of land without North Gate, in length from the plot called Ordilepet 140ft., and next the lane 154 feet, and in width at the east end 48 feet, and 48 feet at the west end. Rent, 4d.	9. Gilbert Piggeslee. John Westen. 12. Edmund in la Fen, of Old Heath.
1357-8. BAILIFFS : JOHN ATTE FOORDE. RICHD. DYERE.	1. John Ropere. 2. John Reed. 3. John Wylymot. John Tilneke. John Joye. 5. Robt. Sewhale. 6. John Body. 10. John Bedeforde. 13. John Wrighte. 14. John Orlogeer. Philip Harling. Roger Parsaunt.	3. Lease to Richard Dingaright of a plot of land by the gate [of the hall] of the commonalty, in length next the ditch 40ft. and in width at the south end 15ft., and in the middle 12ft., and in width at the north end 8ft. Annual rent, 2d.	Memorandum that no Will is found in this year.
1358-9. BAILIFFS : ADAM WARYN. RICHARD DYERE.			
Dorse of Folio 44 (xxvii.)	1. Wm. Portheerde. 2. Geoffrey Abbot. John Sandone. Margaret Basshebrook. 4. Alex. Loord. Thos. Stevene. 11. Adam Terry.		6. Matthew fil. Robert.
1359-60. BAILIFFS : JOHN ATTE FOORDE. JOHN LE DYERE.	1. Giles Bytere. John Saundr. 3. Adam Brasier. Hugh Love. Wm. Mustarder 4. Thos. Geywode. Robt. Sere. 5. John Byrch. Alex. Smyth. Robt. Buh. 7. Jas. Goldsmyth. Wm. Pistok. John Timyot. John Boteleer. 9. John de Bery. 11. Thos. Heyward. 17. John Megge. 18. Wm. de la Rokele, clerk Wm. Wodehewere.	3. Lease to Robert Beche of a plot which was John Coggeshale's, above the Castle ditch, from a certain elder-tree (?), standing by the same ditch (a quadam illera* stante juxta idem foss'), to the north end as far as the south corner of Robert Sage's. Service, 6d.	3. William Teylere, of Milande. 5. John Doraunt. 17. Nicholas le Heerde.

* Spelt "hillera" in the Roll.

	BURGESSES.	LEASES, ETC.	WILLS.
	Roger Sebern. John Grigge. Adam Michel.		
Folio 45 (xxviii).		16. Ralph Fuller surrendered a plot of land at the east end of the town of Colchester to the use of Sampson Jernyngon. Service, 6d. 18. Thos. Markessale surrendered a plot at Eldelonde at the end of Wystrat (Wire Street), in length 21 rods (xxi. virgas ferri), and in width at the east end 6½ rods, and 5 rods at the west end. To whom possession was granted by service, 6d.	
1360-1. BAILIFFS: RICHARD DYERE. WILLIAM REYNE. The second Plague (pestilencia secunda).	2. Henry Heyne. Wm. Byncre. Robt. Greyvesby. Robert Chauerpenays Roger Hervy. John Yeldham. John Fastulf. John Lyntone. Wm. Blyk. Lawrence Webbe. John Groom. John Liteljon. 3. Walter Godestok. John Sextayn. Robt. Fuller. Richd. Crouchman. John Broman. Wm. Pykhood. John Brawele. 4. John Godyn. John Popelyn. 6. Thos. Attestrate. John Grigge. 7. John Normand. Hugh Burgeys. 8. John Burton, merchant. 11. Andrew Pouchemaker. 12. Alex. Pod. John Attebrome. 13. Robt. Mistelegh. Richd. Sprot. 16. John Poley. 18. Wm. Jerneys de Mose. 20. John Attewelle. Wm. Sayer. 21. Nicholas London.		
Dorse of Folio 45 (xxviii.)		4. Thos. Markessale surrendered a plot at Eldelonde, to the use of John Tilneke, to whom possession was granted. Service, 4d. 8. Lease to William Male of a plot of land in the form of a shield, next the messuage of Robt. Arwsmyth, 4½ft. wide at the west end, 2ft. in the middle, and ½ foot at the east end, and in length 26ft. Service, 1d. 13. Lease to John de la Rokele of a plot of land in length of [his] shop and stall, in the middle, comprising 33ft. in length, and 14ft. in width. Service, 4d. Whereon he has a deed.	1. John Lot. 8. John Dyer. 12. Wm. Buk. 17. Juliana Dedham. 18. Joan Caperon. 19. Richd. Ram. John, son of Adam de Wiston. Richard Copford, cordwainer. John Seleer. 20. Wm. Fermory. John Sewal. Thos. Ferour. Adam de Wiston. Roger Hootfoot. Richd. Page. John Aldereg. Peter Wisbeche. John Mayhew. Wm. Hury.

	BURGESSES.	LEASES, ETC.	WILLS.
			Richd. son of Wm. de Broome. 21. Richd. Baxtere. Thos. Nawton. John Granger. Wm. Goldangre. John Pecok. John Symund. Miles Terry. Richd. le Dyere. Richd. Tynham. Stephen Munde. Elias Springold. Adam Attewelle. Robt. Fraunceys.
Folio 46 (xxix.)		15. Thos. Edward surrendered a plot which was John Teylere's, to the use of Robt. Attegate, to whom possession &c. Service, 1d.	
1361-2. AILIFFS : ROBT. ATTE FOORDE. WILLIAM REYNE. this year was made perambulation of the town of Colchester on the 9th August, in the 35th Edward III. (1362) as testified in the Red Paper [Book] (in rubro papero) Folio 45,* and elsewhere in the Black Paper [Book] (in nigro papero).	1. John Baketone. 4. Peter de Londone. Robt. Bacoun. Alex. Wrighte. John Lyard. 6. John Petyt. John Attehole. Gilbert Burgeys. Alex. Coggere. John Blunt. John Kyrkeby. 8. Thos. Flecher. Roger atte Delve. 13. Henry Divale. John Walleman. 14. Thos. Bakere, merchant. 15. John Bene. 16. Thos. Bateman. Thos. Lenue. John Wyot. Wm. Penne.	3. Lease to John Machon of a stall in the market-place. Service, 4s. 8. Lease to Robt. Chapman, called "Longehobbe," of a plot at the Hythe, 36ft. long, 22ft. wide, lying at the north end of the said Robert's messuage. Service, 6d.	4. Wm. Lovekyn of Lexden. John Godard. 11. Arnulph Ketil. Cristina, daughter of WilliamCatelynessone. 9. John Curtays, peltmonger. 13. Nicholas Gardener. Geoffrey Baw. 14. Philippa, wife of Thos. Deynes. Wm. Crast of Hythe. 15. John le Dyere, of Colchester. John, son and heir of Richd. le Clerk.
Dorse of Folio 46 (xxix.)		13. Lease to John Ry, of a plot at New Hythe, 18ft. long, 4ft. wide, on the east side of the said John's messuage. Rent, 2d. 16. Lease to Sir John Taverner (domino Johanni Tauerner), of a plot 56ft. long, 4ft. wide, whereon he has built a plastered (?) wall (murum ceraneum), at Northscherde. Service, 1d.	
1362-3. AILIFFS : ROBERT ATTE FOORDE. GEORGE FORDHAM.	1. John Mylenale. William Clerk, bowyer. 2. John Wardons. John Boonde. 3. Robt. Austyn. Peter Barker. 5. John Trewe. 11. William Symund. 15. Robt. Smyth of Blakenham. Thos. Wrighte. Robt. Queyk. Robt. Witham. John Mussel.	5. Thos. Joye and Agnes, his wife, surrendered a shop, formerly John Clerk's to the use of Wm. Attewell. To hold per virgam, &c. 15. Lease to John Colle of a plot within East Gate, 20ft. long, 15ft. wide. Service, 3d. 15. Matilda, daughter of Thos. Markessale, surrendered to the use of John Tilneke a plot at Eldelonde, 21 rods in length, 6½ rods in width on the east, and 5 rods on the west. Rent, 4d.	
1363-4. AILIFFS : ALEX. COGGERE. WILLIAM REYNE.	1. Stephen Wryghte. Richd. Selvestre. Roger Podeney. Henry Aubie. JohnMegge, chaplain.		

* See "The Red Paper Book of Colchester," p. 162.

	BURGESSES.	LEASES, ETC.	WILLS.
	John Copelond. Roger Schotyere. John Curteys. 2. John Woodham, baker. Roger atte Appultone. John Mason.		
Folio 47 (xxx.)	3. John Plomer. John Bokeler, smith. 4. Ralph Flyxtone. Thomas Pethawe, merchant. 5. Robt. Meller. Geoffrey Rowe. John Aunfrey. 6. Nicholas Adyn. 7. Wm. Grove. 8. John Clerk. Thos. Wyntertone. 10. John Bremerwode. Henry Snow. 12. John Skeleman. 14. Robt. Belamy. John Bal.	3. Lease. The Bailiffs granted to Adam Ferour [and] William Ferour, licence to build traves with ties after the manner of the traves fomerly Geoffrey Marchal's, and these, thus bound together, to roof over (travas cum copulis ad modum travarum quondam Galfr' Marchal, eteas sic copulatas cooperiendum.) So that he [? they] shall not build [more] nor return rent of more, etc. [i.e. not more than in the case of Geoffrey Marchal.] Rent, 1d. 6. Lease to Thos. Wethermesrsh of a plot at the Castle Gate, 40ft. long, 15ft. wide in the middle, and 12ft. at the north end. Service 2d. 8. Lease to Robt. Buk of that plot which Robert Longlobbe surrendered. Service as above. 11. Lease to John Attefoorde of a plot by St. Helen's well, containing 30ft. in length to the north, and 36ft. in width, per virgam. Rent by Service, 4d.	
1364-5. BAILIFFS: JOHN ATTE FOORDE. WM. REYNE.	3. Thos. Slypalone (or Slypalove). 4. Wm. Hunte. 6. John Sebern. 7. John Spake. 11. Henry Bordmaker. John Prentys. 12. Wm. Sloman. 13. John Bayer. 14. David Chapman.		
Dorse of Folio 47 (xxx.)	15. John Tymeot. John Heyrere. John Henry.	15. Lease to Sir (Domino) John Copforde, chaplain, of two plots of land with their appurtenances, opposite the shops of the tenement, formerly Richard de Copforde's, in the market place, Colchester, to construct there two props (poyas) of which the length severally shall be 9ft, and the width 3½ft. To have and to hold, &c. Rent as appears in the roll aforesaid.	6. John Braunche.
1365-6. BAILIFFS: ROBERT ATTE FOORDE. HENRY BOSSE.	1. Thos. Sadeler. Richd. Welles. 3. John Seman. John Reylegh. John Renkyn. 4. Wm. Batekyn. Thos. Joye. 5. John Bisshop. Herbert Glademan. John Smyth of Ardelegh. Richd. Taylour. 9. John Pyg. 12. Simon Taylour of Edwarston. John Kernyle. John Ermyte. John Danel. Norman Gandyn. Simon Atteree. John Coltone. Richd. Taylour. Robt Wurtelee.	5. Lease to John Siward of all that vacant plot of land with its appurtenances lying without East Gate between the messuage belonging to St. James's Church, on the one part, and the highway leading from Moor Straat as far as East Bridge, 33ft. in width and in length on either side 88 feet, and 22½ feet in width at the east end. Service, 12d.	3. Geoffrey Haraas. Robt. Davy of Milande.

	BURGESSES.	LEASES, ETC.	WILLS.
	13. Thos. Attechaumbre. 14. Peter Smyth. Wm. de Gaunt. Richd. Dyer. 15. Walter Ley. 16. John Duchman. John Fysshlake. John Cok.		
Folio 48 (xxxi.)		16. Lease to Peter Bakere of a plot of land 16ft. long, 2ft. wide. Rent, 2d.	
1366-7. AILIFFS: JOHN ATTEFOORDE. ALEXIUS COGGER.	2. Richd. Senyere. John Goolde. 3. Hugh Stonham. Robt. Cok. 4. John Lavender. 5. John Cook of Subbery (Sudbury). 8. John Ponde. 11. Roger Davy. 13. Seman Clerke. 17. John Buntyng. 18. John Stace. Richhd. Hunte. JohnBeltessford,rector of the Church of theBlessedMary, Colchester. Thos. Deryng.	14. Lease to John Boyn of a plot opposite, on the north, of a holding formerly Robert le Cook's. In length from the road (a chamno) as far as John Halle's plot. [In length] 24½ ells, and in width at the east end next the said paling 3½ ells, and at the west end 1 ell. To hold in fee farm by service 3d. Also to the same John, a plot before North Bridge on which the tenement of the said John is constructed, containing four and three quarter ells and a quarter of one ell in length, and in width at the north end 1½ ells, at the east end 2 ells, and 3 ells in the middle. Service, 1d. 18. John Attefoorde surrendered a plot on Eldelonde to the use of Ralph Barker, per virgam, to whom possession was granted.	14. Roger Ceteleer. 16. Geoffrey Chapman.
1367-8. AILIFFS: JOHN ATTEFOORDE. ALEXIUS COGGER.	1. Henry Attebrook. Agnes Ghipet of Copforde. 6. Wm. Bergholte. 9. John Plomer.		
orse of Folio 48 (xxxi.)	10. John Wryghte of Bryghtlynsey. 16. Gilbert Brounes-woold. John Vobere. 18. Rose Spoon. John Walsingham.	12. Lease to John Allayn and Geoffrey Dawe of a plot at New Hythe on the west of the quay of the same Geoffrey Daw, containing 7¾ ells in length and 6¾ ells in width. To hold to themselves and their heirs and assigns, per virgam. Service, 3d.	3. John Mason. 4. John Paynot of New Hythe. 16. Agnes, wife of John Paynot.
1368-9. AILIFFS: RICHARD DRORY. JOHN KEER.	1. John Whyte, pouchemaker. John, rector of St. Nicholas Church. 2. Margaret Taylour. John Totham. 6. Walter Eyr. 7. John Haws. Seman Bulbek. John Pepor. 8. Thos. Jerneys. John Godard. John Attewode. Wm. Russe. 9. John Bette. 10. Thos. Ardelegh. Wm. Witham. Richd. Lyard. Wm. Orlogeer. 13. John Nevard. 14. Adam Longe. 15. [* John] Richard Parrok. 17. Wm. Glasewryghte. John Soueld (or Soneld.)		

* "John" has been interpolated

	BURGESSES.	LEASES, ETC.	WILLS.
	Stephen Phlysp. Martin Barsham. Richd. Saborgh. 18. John Kelyng. Wm. Derby. Adam Baker. Wm. Attecros.		
Folio 49 (xxxii.)	Robt. Swynnesforde.	9. Lease to John Broome, tanner, a plot for building upon, through which the Bailiffs and commonalty used to go as far as Doresmad, to their bakery made on the bank of North Ree‡ (unam placeam ad edific' per quam Ballivi et communitas ire solebant ad pistar' suam fac' in ripa de la North ree.) Rent, 1d.	3. Agnes, wife of Wm. Spellere. 5. Roger Chapman. 8. Thos. Bulbek, of West Donylonde. 13. John de la Rokele. Sir Wm. de la Rokele, rector of the Church of Neutone. 15. Thos. Slypalone, or (Slypaloue.) Clement le Dyere. Joan, formerly wife of Wm. Bakon.
1369-1370. BAILIFFS : Robt. Attefoorde. Wm. Mate.	1. Wm. Joye. 2. John Rokel, merchant. 3. John Danewey. 6. John Hamelyn. 7. Robt. Hervy. Wm. Baron. 8. Henry Attepark. Simon White, pouchemaker. 10. John Crouchman. 12. Walter Estgate. Thomas Cook. 15. John Attecherche. Thos. Mikenham. Thos. Mate. John Pod. John Elys. 16. John Middelion. John Godard. 17. John Mayneld. Robt. Tykel. Roger Bolour.		
Dorse of Folio 49 (xxxii.)	18. John Borlee. John Groom. John, rector of Cretyng (Creeting.) John Freysel. Wm. Reve.		12. Bartholomew Gerard, of New Hythe. 16. John Aleyn, of the same.
1370-1. BAILIFFS : Robert Attefoorde. John Lucas.	3. Wm. Somertone. 4. Robt. Ardelegh. 7. John Botesforde, dyer. 10. John Attefen. 13. Wm. Coupe, carpenter. Wm. Gilberd, chaplain. William Edward. John Adam. John Gardener.		2. Richard Pakke.
1371-2. BAILIFFS : Robert Attefoorde. John Lucas.	3. John Fin. Wm. Jermayn. 5. John Benyt.		

‡ "North Ree." Query "Rye Gate."

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ginning of the new Constitutions(Incepcio constitucionum novarum).	7. John Mabbesone. 9. John Wodevyle. 12. John Bryght. 13. John Rothinge. Wm. Attehath. John Heerde. Richd. Rys. Wm. Aldham. John Broome, of Old Heath. 16. John Arwsmyth, rector of Milaud. Thos. Nichole. Paulinus Barmakere Robt. Leycestre. 17. John Stanstede, jun. Thos. Clerk Thos. Goldangre John Leveney. Stephen Lalleforde. John Sexteyn,smith. John Lavenham.		
Folio 50 (xxxiii).	17. Roger Grace.		4. Nicholas de Outtoun, rector of the church of Wegebergh (Wigborough). 10. Walter Baker of Schropham, rector. 15. William Attemelne, cordwainer (allutarius) of St. Peter's parish.
1372-3. BAILIFFS: ALLEX. COGGERE.. WILLIAM CRISTEMASSE.	1. Wm. Poket. John Coupere. John Tynte. Wm. Appiltone. Eustace Wryghte. John Chaundeleer. John Gurdon. Wm. Houlot. Peter Heyward. 3. John Stevene. John Cok, smith. John Tatel. 5. Edmund Chepenhale. Henry Renkyn,baker. 9. John Arnold, fuller. 10. Richd. Bande. John Hunte. Robt. Lopham. 11. Robt. Stansour. Richard Hony, rector of Trinity. 14. Thos. Attewelle. 15. Robert, rector of Wedyngtoun. 16. William Bisshop, chaplain. John Freysel. William Snel, lokyer (locksmith.)		16. John Spug of New Hythe.
1373-4. BAILIFFS: WM. REYNE. JOHN CLEKE. Perambulation of the town of Colchester as is testified in the Red Paper Book, Folio 7,was made in the same year.	1. Robt. Bisshop. John Lache.		

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Dorse of Folio 50 (xxxiii.)	2. Nicholas de Borw (? Burgh). Robt. Stonhard. John Bowyere. John Writhe. Simon Poddeney. Wm. Cardemakere. Walter Gosse. John Megge. John Foster. Walter Coupere. John Craft. John Brydbrok. Richd. Cornel. Thos. Freend. Wm. Horn. Richd. Reseyvour. Wm. Fuller. 3. John Sewale. Richd. Smyth, cardmaker. Wm. Attenasse. Thos. Dore. John Ookham, chaplain. 4. Richd. Wakke. Michael Aubre. Wm. Mosp. 5. John Benorthe. Thos. Peke. Edmund Gaal, porter. Robert Abel. 6. John Atte Chaumbre. 7. John Boonde. 8. Henry Atteherst. 8. John Packard, currier. John Arnold, carpenter. Wm. Attefeelde. John Loy. 11. Richd. Crosby. 12. Hugh Bekenham. John Burdy. 16. John Chaumpenays. 18. Wm. Grenewey. 20. Nicholas Cardemaker.	Deed of eight acres of land granted by Adam Waryn and Robert, his son, to the Bailiffs and commonalty. 9. Annual rent of two shillings of Spicerstenement, belonging to the commonalty.	2. John Rogger. 3. Peter Carter, of New Hythe. 4. John Saburgh 7. Margaret, formerly wife of Gilbert Piggeltee of New Hythe.
Folio 51 (xxxiv).		[No Roll number.] Lease to John Glovere and Emma, his wife of a plot of land by the Castle Ditch, 16¾ feet in length of standard measure. Rent, 2s. and one peppercorn. 11. Lease to Thomas Lane of a plot by the Castle Ditch on the north boundary of John and Emma Gloveer's, 22 rods of standard measure in length. Per virgam. Service, 2s. 2d. 14. Lease to John Beltesforde and John Copford of a plot opposite the holding formerly William atte Watere's, 12 rods in length on the east side of the said holding from post (stipite) of Richard Drory's tenement towards the bank, and 1⅛ rod in width, and 9¾ rods in length from the north corner of the same to the post (stipitem) of the old house of the holding aforesaid toward the west; and 1 rod 2 inches in width. Rent, 2d. 19. John Colle surrendered a plot of land within East Gate, 22ft. in length and 15ft. in width, to the use of John Fulham, butcher. Service, 3d.	7. John Thomas. 12. Alice, daughter of Richd. Wymbussh.

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		20. Lease to John Sewhale of Coggessale, of a plot of vacant land at New Hythe between other land of the said John on the east side, and the meadow of the Commonalty of Colchester called "Commonmad" on the west; 39 rods in length from the stream running back from the bank, Colchester, to the south, as far as the common way which leads from the main street (a regio vico) into the meadow aforesaid, towards the north; and 3½ rods in width at either end and in the middle. Per virgam. Rent, 2s. 21. Lease to Matill Seburgh of a plot lying alongside the tenement of John Seburgh in the street of Estraat, 6ft. in length and 2ft. in width. Service, 2d.	
Dorse of Folio 51 (xxxiv.)			
1374-5. BAILIFFS: JOHN ATTEFOORDE. JOHN PEBMERSSH. See in this same year a good and notable instrument under the seal of Robert Beche, notary, &c.	1. Nicholas Taylour. John Laurence. Wm. Marchaal. Sayer Marchaunt. John Phlisp. 4. John Wynkfeeld. Wm. Vynt. 7. John Hykeman. 9. John Beelde. 10. John Micheel. Wm. Cumpoost of Beylham. 11. John Veriere of West Mersey Richd. Foxtone. John Baldok. 18. Roger Kyrketone. 20. Robert Whytlove.		4. Wm. Speller. 5. Wm. Prentys. 17. Stephen Dobere. 19. Roger Appiltone. Wm. Crabbe.
1375-6. BAILIFFS: WM. REYNE. ALLEX. POD.	2. John Stace, peltmonger. Thomas Lambheerde. John Bandeus. John Smyth. 4. Thos. Honner. 5. John Boone. 6. John Brookman. 9. John Pilcrowe. John Paynot. 12. Richard Norwych.		
Folio 52 (xxxv.)	18. Edmund Reymes. Roger Spicer.	21. Lease to William Talbot [and John Thurstelfoorde. Rent, 6s. 8d.	2. Wm. Beaumays. John Attefoorde. 3. Sir John Taverneer. John Petyt. Wm. Lovekyn. Henry Templer. Robt. Greyvesby. Richd. Bergholte. 9. Wm. Potter. 16. Wm. Heyre.
1376-7. BAILIFFS: ALEXIUS COGGERE. STEPHEN BAROUN. In the first year of the reign of Richard II., beginning June 22.	7. Richd. Parrok, of Horkeslegh. 9. Roger Cherchemen. John Lyndholte. Thos. Warneer. 12. John Crabbe. John Saney (or Savey.) John atte Brook. 14. John Shirwhit.	18. Lease to Robert Ketil of a plot of vacant land with its appurtenances, lying without East Gate; 23¼ rods in length frem the curtilage of John Syward, between the curtilage of the Rector of St. James's Church, and [that of the same Robert on the west side, and the King's highway towards Moorstraat on the east side; and 6¼ rods 3 inches in width at the north end, and 3 rods 2 inches at the south end. Service, 4d. per annum at Hokeday.	9. Thos. Horn. 14. Margery, who was wife of Clement Dyere. 21. Robt. Goode. 22. Wm. Jerveys.

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	20. Ralph Algar. 21. Thos. Pykard. 23. Wm. Gosse.		
Dorse of Folio 52 (xxxv.)			
1377-8. BAILIFFS: Wm. Reyne. John Keek.	2. Nicholas Keuere (or Kenere.) Thomas Barfoot, smith. John Skynnere. John Wryghte, glover. 4. Robt. Walsham. 5. Richd. Hedlee. John Cone, merchant. Robt. Hering. John Pollyng. 7. Wm. Skummour. 8. Wm. Plomer. Richd. Chauntecleer. 10. John Willegh. 18. John Scokestyn. 19. Wm. Kentyng. John Mille. Edmund Gerold. 25. Cent Campe. John Rosse, of Wynghalton (? Winlaton).	15. Lease to Peter Smyth, of Colchester, of a plot with its appurtenances to build thereon, without East Gate, at the north-end of the field called Eldgatesfeeld, 134 feet in length, from the said field to the King's highway on the north, and 27ft. in width, next the street aforesaid, and $15\frac{3}{4}$ rods of the standard measure of Colchester in width, next the field aforesaid. Service, 4d., besides 6d. due of the ancient rent. Payable always at Hokeday.	2. Sarah Aldham. 6. John Baker, of Estrat. 8. John Duch. 17, extra. Philip Buk. 18, infra. Wm. Caldewelle.
Folio 53 (xxxvi)		Lease to Robert Ketil, of Colchester, merchant, of a plot of vacant land without East Gate, $33\frac{1}{2}$ rods in length from the curtilage of John Syward to the south, between the curtilage of the rector of St. James, and the curtilage of the same Robert on the west side, and the King's highway towards Moorstraat on the east side; and $6\frac{1}{4}$ rods 3 inches in width at the north end, and 3 rods 2 inches at the south end. Service 4d, at Hokeday. Lease to Richard Bande, of Colchester, fuller, of a plot of land, 13 rods 9 in. in length on the north of his holding, and 9 inches in width. Service 4d., always at Hokeday. Lease to Robert Chaumpeneys of Colchester, carpenter, of a plot of land by "Seint Eleynepet" (St. Helen's Pit) $13\frac{3}{4}$ rods in length on the north, and $15\frac{1}{2}$ rods on the south, and 10 rods in width on the east, and 10 rods on the west. Service 4s., always at Hokeday. Lease to John Waller and Robert Tekel, of Colchester, of a plot of land, 10 rods in length on the north, $14\frac{1}{2}$ rods in width on the west, $11\frac{3}{4}$ rods on the east, and $8\frac{1}{2}$ rods 3 inches on the south. Service 4s., always at Hokeday. Lease to John Mussel, Colchester, of a plot of land part for building and part not for building, by his other messuage leased to him near St. Helen's well, 6 rods 2in. in length on the east side, and $8\frac{1}{2}$ rods 3 inches in width on the north side, as far as the stake standing opposite the post of the said John's wardrobe (ad fustem stantem ex opposito stipitis garderobe dicti Johannis) and from the said stake (fuste) as far as another stake standing towards the west, $7\frac{1}{8}$ rods 1 inch; and in width from the said stake, which stands opposite the post of the wardrobe aforesaid as far as the said other stake towards the well of St. Helen, 2 rods; and in width from the corner of the west boundary of the house of the said John as far as the said stake on the west, as far as the well aforesaid, $3\frac{5}{8}$ rods. Service 20d., always at Hokeday.	
Dorse of Folio 53 (xxxvi).			

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		Lease to Margaret Haraas, wife of Thomas Lane, of a plot of vacant land, 12 rods in length from the stake standing next to the water-gutter (gutteram aquaticam) running down as far as St. Helen's well, as far as the corner of the said Margaret's house to the south; and 7 rode 2 inches from the said stake standing next the gutter aforesaid as far as the other staks standing within the curtilage of the said Margaret, on the east. Service 12d., always at Hokeday.	
1378-9. ILIFFS: LEXIUS COGGERE. EOFFREY DAWE.	3. John Morice, armourer. John Dawe, fuller. Wm. Holbeche. 7. William Wynde. Thos. Jentelman. Wm. Bertelot, allutarius (cordwainer). John Neuport. John Chandeleer. 8. John Cole, "wayte." 9. Richd. Belew. 11. John Mynot. John Rokkyngham. Thos. Sawere. Walter Steerce of Fyngringhoo. 13. John Holdernesse. 14. Roger Spendelove. 15. John Warde, dyer. 16. Geoffrey Straunge.		5. Henry Barbour.
Folio 54 (xxxvii.)		Lease to Robt. Mistelegh and John Curtays, of Ipswich. Service 2d. 6. Lease to Nicholas Morkyn of a plot of vacant land lying at the boundary of Estraat, opposite a plot of land where the gallows of Colchester formerly stood, 20 rods in length on either side, and 17 rods in width at either end. Service 2s., at Hokeday. 9. Lease to John Caperoun. Rent 4d. 18. Robt. Chaumpeneys surrendered to the use of John Plomer, fletcher, all that plot of land by "Seint Eleynepet," 14¾ rods in length on the north; 15½ rods on the north (*sic*); and 10 rods in width on the east side; and 9 rods on the west. Service 4s. 4d., always at Hokeday. 25. Lease to John Deynes, of Colchester, of a plot of land lying by the ditch and opposite the ditch of Colchester Castle. 15 rods in length. Service 4d.	7. William Beste. 9. Agnes, who was wife of John Ermegard. John Smart, miller. 23. John Machon. 27. John Aylewene. 28. John Casp, rector of Cretyng Church.
1379-1380. AILIFFS: ROBERT ATTEFOORDE. STEPHEN BAROUN. *Dorse of Folio* 54 (xxxvii.)	3. Roger Feriere. Wm. Lavender of Bristol (Bristolnea) apothecary. John Blythyng, tailor. Roger Tannere. 4. John Attewode. Henry Attestoone. 6. John Plomeer. John Aylemar, brewer. 7. Clement Cok. Nicholas Besshey, of Lamerssh, carpenter (Memorandum: fine not paid, 22s.)		7. John Keek. 10. Richd. Drory. 13 John Danneld (or Danveld), clerk. 15. John Schipman. 18. Margaret, formerly wife of Geoffrey Haraas. 22. John Hyde, of Colchester, webber. 24. John Draper, butcher. Roger Love of Miland. Robert Beche, clerk. 26. Wm. Bacon. John Pebemerssh.

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	9. Thos. Moreel. 14. JohnKent,carpenter. John Kaynbregge, dyer. 21. John Hamptone. 24. Michael Aunger, clerk of the town. 27. John Cristion. 33. Wm. Cosham, merchant. 34. John Abel.		
Folio 55 (xxxviii).		15. Lease to Thos. Deynes of a plot of land for fixing therein three posts, carrying a certain vine (pro tribus stulpis infixandis portant' quandam vineam) opposite his tenement, formerly Clement Dyere's in Norstraat (North Street). Service, 2d. Lease to John Hekeman. Rent, 2d. 19, extra. John Deynes surrendered his [holding] to the use of John Burdy. 20, extra. Thos. Lane surrendered [his holding] to the use of John Skirwhit. 22. Lease to John Deynes of a plot of vacant land by North Bank (juxta Northripam), Colchester, at the north boundary of the bridge of "Northbregge," 14 rods in width at either end, 24 rods in length at either side. And the fines of this lease appear in Roll 36. Service, 2s. 36, extra, in fine. Lease to John Hamelyn, of Colchester, of a plot of vacant land in the East Ward within the borough, 16¾ rods in length from the tenement of John Boyn to the tenement of John Halle, and 1⅓ rods in width at the east end, and 1½ rods in length. Service, 6d.	34. Joan, who was wife of Nicholas le Heerde, of Colchester.
1380-1. BAILIFFS: Alexius Coggere. Ralph Algar.	6. Thos. Leyham of Hethingham (Hedingham). William Hethingham of Little Holland. John Scherwynd, smith. Richard Petresburgh, butcher.		
Anno Rumoris. * (In the year of the report).	13. John Skirwhit. 15. John Petyngale.		
Dorse of Folio 55 (xxxviii.)	19. Walter Warneer, baker. 22. John Dawe, baker. 28. Wm. Clare, clothier. Wm. Mortone, merchant. Robt. Atteholte, barker. 30. Wm. Samwelle. Roger le Warenne of Lystone (Liston). Wm. Chamberleyn. Austin Bonefaunt of Kirkeby (Kirby). 32. Rosa Waterman. John Poynount, tailor. 36. John Soham.		20. Richard Wynbussh. 35. Mariota wife of John atte Fen of New Hythe.
1381-2. BAILIFFS: Thomas Fraunceys. Thos. Clerk.	3. Wm. Hethingham. 5. John Bonessey of Stratforde. 14. John Pynk.		

* "Anno Rumoris." This appears to mean "in the year of murmuring"—the year of insurrection and sedition. This year was memorable for the great rising in which Wat Tyler, Jack Straw, and John Ball (formerly a priest of Colchester) were leaders. This rebellion spread throughout the eastern counties. An entry in the *Red Paper Book*, kalendared as "De Rumore" refers to it, but is unfortunately so much decayed that only portions of it, which contain no special information, are legible. See "Red Paper Book," p. 156.

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	15. John Gardner of Moorstrat Moor Street). Peter Attenashe, glover. Adam Framesdene, capper. Wm. Coupere of Southmenstre (Southminster). John Adam of Wevenhoo called John Leg. 16. John Preston, carpenter. 22. Wm Mellere, fuller. John Foster of St. Osyth. John Payn of Tolleshunte. John Goore. 24. Robt. Parlement of St. Osyth. John Sandone, cook. John Porterose. 26. John Attegrove of Holande. 29. Wm. Chaumbre of Okelee (Oakley). 31. John Marre. 44. John Neylond of Maghdeleyn strat. 41. John Tasseler, webber. 49. Thos. Smyth, barber.		
Folio 56 (xxxix.)	51. Thos. Dondale of Chelmesford.	1. Lease to William Bradewey. Rent, 6d. 3. Lease to John Plomer, fletcher. Rent, 20d. 23. John Syward surrendered a plot of land by East Gate between the messuage belonging to St. James's Church on the one side and the King's highway leading from Moor straat towards East Bridge; 86½ feet in length on either side; and 22½ft. in width on the south end, and 33ft. on the north; which plot the Bailiffs afterwards granted to John Here and his assigns, by deed. Annual rent at Hokeday, 12d. 26. Lease to John Skerwhit, John Plomer, Robert Tekel, John Mussel, and John Wallere. Rent 20d. 29. Lease to Wm. Bertelot of a plot of vacant land by Colchester Castle Ditch, between William Witham's garden on the south, and John Freysel's garden on the north. Length 13¾ rods, 2 inches. Service as above. Rent 13d.	8. Wm. Hefkere. 15. Adam Boteleer. 25. Margery Taylour. 44. John Danel of St. Botolph's parish. Adam Fitz Warin of Colchester.
Dorse of Folio 56 (xxxix.)		29. Lease to John Deynes. Rent 8d. Lease to Stephen Wryghte of a plot of vacant land south of John Wayte's tenement opposite St. Helen's Chapel, 13⅝ rods 1 nail in length. Per virgam. Annual rent at Hokeday 12d. 31. Surrender by John Burdy. Rent 5d., and by cause of increase 1d. 35. Lease to Sir John Stanstede, clerk, of a plot of land at the corner of the lane leading towards Scholonde. 12 ft. in length on the east side, and 2 ft. in width. For which grant the same John granted to the Bailiffs and commonalty and their heirs a piece of land 60 feet long and 10 feet wide, for enlarging the said lane; on account of which it is granted by the Bailiffs that the said John shall pay neither rent nor fine.	

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		37. Lease (Dimissio). The Bailiffs and Commonalty anew (de novo) cause the stone walls of the said town to be repaired from day to day as is very greatly required. And because John Hamptone and Margaret his wife, daughter of Geoffrey Haraas, hold a certain plot of land for building, with a house joined (annexa) to the stone wall of the town of Colchester, near East Gate, which house stands to the hindrance of the repair of the wall aforesaid, it seemed therefore to the Bailiffs aforesaid, and to the men elected for the Council of the town, that the said house ought to be moved from the plot aforesaid and placed in some other fitting place; and at the urgent request (ad magnum rogatum) of the aforesaid John and Margaret, the Bailiffs and all the men of the Council aforesaid, with the whole commonalty of the town, moved by piety, with unanimous consent gave and granted to the same John and Margaret a certain plot of land near St. Eleynepet, for re-building the said house there, containing in length on either side 6¾ rods, and 4¾ rods in width at either end, from the land of John Attefoorde. To have and to hold, &c., by deed, &c., by service always at Hokeday, ½d.	
Folio 57 (xl.) **1382-3.** BAILIFFS: SIMON FORDHAM. JOHN CRISTIAN.	2. Thos. Poynaunt, barker. 6. Clement Heyrere of Maghdel[en street]. John Belleman of Bery. Wm. Bonewelle of Norwich. 16. Robert Debenham, skinner. 19. Wm. Bonefaunt of Kirkeby (Kirby), merchant. Richd. Punch of Melton, butcher. 29. John Saundre of Bures atte Mounte. Thos. Fens of Ardelegh. 30. Alan Bernard, ferour (furrier ?) John Roger, butcher. 34. John Welles, carpenter. 41. Robt. Fyn, carpenter. 62. Richard Goodwene, butcher. 57. John Holand of Bricstoon (Brixton).	9. Thos. Whethermerssh surrendered all that part of his tenement situated next to the Castle Gate, to the use of Edmund Aungevyn, which John le Harperour holds in farm; to hold to himself and his heirs in perpetuity per virgam; and he pays fine for ingress, &c. 9. Thos. Whethermerssh surrendered a certain tenment next to the Castle Gate to the use of Edmund Aungevyn, to himself and his heirs and assigns per virgam. Which Edmund made recognisance and surrendered the said tenment to the aforesaid Thos. Whethermerssh and Alice his wife to the end of their lives, to hold from the Bailiffs and commonalty per virgam and the service due and accustomed. And he pays fine for ingress &c.	15. Wm. Mate. 29. Richard Thursteyn of Milande. Robert de Whathamsted (Wheathampstead). 48. John Aleyn, chaplain. 55. Elias Pedder.
Dorse of Folio 57 (xl.)		57. Lease to John Deynes and John Lache. Rent, 4d. The Bailiffs leased and delivered in fee farm to Ralph Algar a certain plot of vacant land at the Hythe before the tenement of Cristina, wife of Geoffrey Miche, 8½ rods 2 inches in length from Peter Cartere's tenement to Wm. Ketil's; and 1⅝ rods in width on the east side and 2⅛ rods on the west; and one piece of land of the said plot containing in width, opposite the tenement formerly William Ketil's, on the east side, three-eighths of a rod as far as the tenement of Peter Cartere, to have and to hold, &c. Annual rent at Hokeday 2d.	

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1383-4. BAILIFFS: THOS. FRAUNCEYS. RALPH ALGAR.	1. Richard Rande of Ardelegh. 3. Robt. Broun of Hadstoun (Hadstock). 4. Adam Bowyere of Hornyngecherche (Hornchurch). 6. Wm. Leche of Manchestre. 7. Robt. Haws of Hythe. 11. John Polstede, wright. 14. John Scumbelery. 17. Roger Pondere of Ramsey. 28. John Crowe of Maldon. John Budde of Maldon. 29. Richd. Flakke of Westowe (?Weston) woolmonger. Andrew Chapman of St. Osyth. 32. Robt. Wyht of Cotenham (Cottenham). 33. Thos. Saxlingham. 35. John Wankford, of Hengham (Hingham). John Westwode, of Langham. John Coupere, of Fyngringhoe. John Belcham, of Beauchamp.		
Folio 58 (xli.)	35. Simon Baret, of Smoordown (? Somerton). John Symmes, butcher, of Bowertoun (? Bourton). 36. Peter Thurmood, of Ipswich John Mersshtone. 39. Wm. Taylour, of Tylneye (Tilney). 40. Roger Goode, of St. Osyth, butcher. 45. Adam de Salcote, tailor. 47. John Peps, webber, of Leyre (Layer). 50 John Goode, of Halstede. 62. Roger Lowys, of Clactone.	45. Lease in fee farm to Wm. Grenewey of a plot of vacant land at the boundary of East Street, opposite the new messuage of Nicholas Morkyn in augmentation of a certain other plot of vacant land of the same William, granted in the 33 Edward III (1359-60) to Sampson Jarnygon, which first-mentioned plot contains in length from east to west in the manner of a gyron (triangle) commonly called a gore (admodum Gironis vulgariter dicte gore), ending at the corner post of the house aforesaid. And another plot of land was granted to the same William extending from the east boundary of the first-mentioned plot, and so proceeding in an easterly direction towards Holiwelle, in length 60ft., and in width at the west boundary of the same extent as the length of the last-mentioned plot from the main street as far as the ditch of Henry Bosse, 27 feet; and on the east boundary of the length of the plot last-mentioned, in width from the said main street as far as the ditch aforesaid, 12ft. Annual rent at Hokeday 6d., and he pays as fine 40d. 63. John Brooman and Catherine, his wife, surrendered a plot of land at New Hythe, formerly Robt. Chapman's, alias Logehobbe. Rent 4d.	2. Wm. Prikke. Thos. Bulbek. 4. John Cok. 18. John Halle. John Stanstede., clerk. John Craft, of Hythe. 19. Thos. Chapman, of Leyre. 22. Peter Baker. Wm. Lamb. 26. John Atteforde. Roger Kirketone. John Hekeman. 59. Henry Smyth, of Estrat (East Street). 63 Gilbert Burgeys.
1384-5. BAILIFFS: ALEXIUS COGGERE. JOHN CRISTIAN.	1. Thos. Tyrel of Fludman Newtoun (Newton Flotman, Norfolk). Robert Fryot of Cavendissh.		

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	Robt. Sencleer of Melding (? Milden, Suffolk). John Neylond of Stoke-Neylond. John Newman of Bentelegh. John Ysmongere, clerk, of Castelhething (Castle Hedingham). 7. Robt. Ingeland of Eldheth (Old Heath). 8. John Glaunvyle of Great Brunlegh (Bromley). 12. Ralph Clink, spurrier of Stafforde. 17. Richard Lalleforde, junior. 19. Walter Attedowne of Ardelegh. 22. Wm. Samptone. 26. Robt. Halyday of Leyre (Layer). 29. John Hydling, fuller. Wm. Hathulf of Sudbery.		
Folio 59 (xlii.)	31. Richd. Aunfrey of Ardelegh. Wm. Priour of Schellegh (Shelley, Suffolk). John Gilmyn of Ardelegh. 43. John Deen of Colchester. Thos. Cornewayle. 46. Nich. Packard of Sudbery. 61. Henry Cuttyng.	24. Stephen Wryghte surrendered [his holding] to the use of John Deynes. 62. Thos. Lane surrendered two tenements and appurtenances opposite the Castle Ditch, between the tenement of John Budde, formerly Thos. Lane's, on the north, and John Glover's garden on the south, to the use of Wm. Alapert of Coggeshale. To hold to himself and his heirs, per virgam, for the service due thereon.	11. John Hawk, junior Schedule attached to Roll 26 extra. Cristina formerly wife of Richard Vaux. 40. Thos. Joye. 51. John Kenssale. 58. John Sandre. Matilda, wife of John Okelee.
1385-6. BAILIFFS: RALPH ALGAR. WILLIAM PENNE.	1. Wm. Stalwurthe of Berdefeeld (Bardfield). John Knot of Dekesburgh (?Desborough, co. Northampton). 6. Thos. Noblet of Perham (Parham). John Welles, skinner. John Hyd, of Stoke. 13. Wm. Dod, fuller. Robt. Abel, fuller.		
Dorse of Folio 59 (xlii.)	Walter Burgh of Thoritone (Thorington). Richd. Smyth of Ardelegh. Wm. Botelesforde, dyer. 16. Geoffrey Davy of St. Osyth. 21. Richd. Gamen, "coverour." 22. Richd. Love of Bryche (Birch). 29. Richd. Seman of Dedham.	61. Thos. Lane surrendered a renter next the Castle Ditch to the use of John Budde of Maldon.	16. Wm. Talbot. 25. Richd. Foxtone. 52. Cristina Wymbussh.

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	38. Edmund Hamptone, shepherd, of Rendelesham. Roger Tilneke, butcher, of Tolleshunte Boys. 35. John Blomnesteer of Halstede. 58. Martin Attebrook of Colne.		
1386-7. BAILIFFS: SIMON FORDHAM. JOHN CRISTION.	3. John Gurney, merchant. 4. Roger Streyt of Londone. Wm. Webbe of Chelmesforde. Thos. Cokebelle of Tollesbury. Thos. Cokebelle of St. Osyth. Wm. Quyk of East Mersea. 7. John Wulfey, weaver. John Caunteleer, tailor. John Malbrook, butcher. 9. John Holfen, barker, of Thorpe. Ralph Chaux, cordwainer. Robt. Petebeff of Hadelegh. 12. Edmund Rysby of Bryche Magna (Great Birch). 18. Richd. Castone cordwainer. Thos. atte Birch of Saint Osyth. 21. Wm. Taylour of Stoke. John Pake of Aldham.		
Folio 60 (xliii)	33. Wm. Nichole of Coggeshale. Ralph Marchal of Needham. 29. John Mannok of Stoke. 32. Richd. Smyth of Bassyngesshawe (? Bassingham, co., Lincoln). 33. John Lambhde (Lambherde), fuller. 55. Roger Flyngaunt of West Bergholt.	45. John Bud of Maldone surrendered a renter next the Castle Ditch, Colchester. 62. Lease to John Rodebryght, junior, of a plot of vacant land at the boundary of Moor Street, next John Gardener's tenement on the west, containing 12¾ rods in length, and 2¾ rods in width at the east end, and going to nothing at the west end in the form of a shield (ad modum scuti). Service, 2d. a year.	30. John Salcote. 34. Richd. Sebern. Alice Okelee. 53. John Boyn. 58. John Okele. 58. John Okelee.* 62. Wm. Botyngham. 4. Wm. Draper. 7, extra. Robt. Attegate. 9, extra. Walter Attecros. Emma, who was wife of John Kensale. 22, infra. John Fulham of East Street. John Holt of St. Botolph's parish. 25. John Sexteyn, merchant. Robt. Maunceer.
Dorse of Folio 60 (xliii).			
1387-8. BAILIFFS: THOS. FRAUNCEYS. JOHN SABURGH.	1. John Langland. 4, extra. Alex. Erpyngham. Henry Benyght.	40. Wm. Honlot surrendered to the use of Simon Whyte a plot of vacant land opposite St. Helen's Chapel, 13⅝ rods 1 nail in length. Per virgam. Rent at Hokeday, 12d.	18. Nich. Premerole. 32. Wm. de Clare. 45. John Danneld. Wm. Bradewey.

* So given in MS. The repetition is probably a mistake of the scribe.

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	Wm. Goloffre. Robt. Bonet. 9. John Payn, of Bures. John Ledis, of Tendryng. John atte Downe. of Boxtede. Thos. Colchestre, of Pebemarssh. 12. Henry Blache. Peter Hayl, turner. Wm. Strattone. 18. Thos. Meltone, of Hadlegh. John Bette, of Maldone. 40. Wm. Merveyle, of Halstede. 70. William Wykham, of Wykham (probably Wickham Market, Suffolk), brewer.	45. Lease to John Dyere, merchant, Richd. Dyere, chaplain, and Matthew Dyere, of a plot of vacant land opposite North Bridge (le Northbregge) called "le Eldere," lying between John Broome's meadow on the north, and George Fordham's land on the south; whereof one end abuts on the stream of North Mill and the other end on the King's highway at North Bridge (Northbregge). Rent at Hokeday, 6d., on condition that if the north bridge (pons aquilonaria) be ruinous and need repair, the water running down to the said bridge shall run down to the plot aforesaid and through the same until the said bridge shall be fully repaired, without hindrance whatsoever. And if it happen that the said rent be in arrear at any term, then the Bailiffs and commonalty may distrain the said plot, and also John Dyer's meadow adjoining it. 61. John Deynes surrendered a plot of vacant land in Maydenburgh, opposite the entrance of St. Helen's Chapel, 13¾ rods in length, to the use of John Freysel. Annual rent at Hokeday, 2d. On the same day John Deynes surrendered a plot of vacant land in Maydenburgh, opposite the entrance of St. Helen's Chapel to the use of Robt. Tekel, 11¾ rods in length. Rent at Hokeday, 4d.	61. Alexius Welle.
Folio 61 (xliv).			
1388-9. BAILIFFS: Ralph Algar. Stephen Baroun.	1. Robt. Wodere of Beaumond (Beaumont). John Goldfynch of Wakes Colne. John Wrotham of Barwe (Barrow). Richd. Warner of Barwe (Barrow). Wm. Smith of Kirkeby (Kirby). Nich. Whelwryte of Hedersete (Hethersett, Norfolk). Henry Burgeys of Lammerssh (Lamarsh). 4, infra. Robt. Priour of Schelleye (Shelley). 6, infra. John Wodecok of Dedham. 23, infra. John Cook, "heyrere" of Wetheresfeeld. 35, extra. John Snoryng of Sudbery. 39. Robt. Heyward of Bysshoppesboorne (Bishopsbourne, Kent).		
Dorse of Folio 61 (xliv.)			
1389-1390. BAILIFFS: Thos. Fraunceys. Alexius Coggere.	2. Wm. Taselere. Philip Hastyng. John Popelote. Thos. Perham. John Poley. John Dyere of Tendringe. 5. John Porter of Thorytone (Thorington).	35, extra. Lease to Adam Cook of Bergholt Sakevyle of a plot of land lying in North Street on the west side, in length on the south from the tenement of John Dyere, merchant, as far as the said Adam's tenement, on the north, fifteen rods and one-third, and in width at the north end half a rod and four inches, and in the middle one rod; and at the south end it goes to nothing. Per virgam. Rent at Hokeday 2d., and he pays by way of fine, 12d.	12, infra. Roger Sebern. 19, extra, at the end. Henry atte Park. 23. Joan, who was wife of Roger Sebern. [38, extra. John Peggon. John Plomer of North Street.*]

* The part in brackets has been crossed through.

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	11. John Russel of Feringe (Feering). 16. Richd. Blakbak of Colne. 17, extra. William Maudion (or Mandion) of Polstede. 25. Thos. Leyham of Little Bromley. 37. John Parrok, rector of St. Leonard [Colchester]. John Gosse, dyer. Wm. Pecok, dyer.		
1390-1. BAILIFFS: SIMON FORDHAM. JOHN CRISTIAN.	2, infra. Wm. Chalkhelle of Bures. Robt. Chapman of East Bergholt. 16, infra. Richd. Durvyle of Londone.		
Folio 62 (xlv.)	25. John Hayl of Wrabbenase (Wrabness). Thos. Donne of Kersey. 31. Vincent Vanderbek. 36, infra. Philip Woderove[or Woderone]. 38. Godfrey Dalaner. William Dande of Alwyk (? Alnwick).	38. Robert Tekel surrendered to the use of Nich. Marchaunt and his wife Matilda, a plot of vacant land in Maydenburgh opposite the tenement belonging to St. Helen's Chapel, containing in length 11¾ rods. Per virgam. Rent at Hokeday, 4d.	14. John Ferthing. John Sexteyn. 20, infra. Simon Hadlegh. 23. Edmund Hamptone. 25. Hugh Stonham. John Baketone. 26. Richd. Baker. Mariota de Halle. 30. John Packard, cordwainer. 38. Roger Thursteyn. 39. William Penne.
1391-2. BAILIFFS: WILLIAM REYNE. JOHN SEBURGH.	1, in fine extra. John Pottone of Pottone. 6. John Speney of Wykes (Wix). Andrew Bovyle, of Thorpe. 18. Richd. Whytere, of Horkeslegh. John Qwik of Halstede. 21. John Attewode, jun., of Braxtede. 31. Robt. Aldewene Walter Cavenham of Suffolk (de Surff'). 45. Thos. Yde, of Bryche (Birch). John Geldeforde of Chartesey (Chertsey).		
Dorse of Folio 62 (xlv.)		45. Lease to Richd. Sporiere of a support (unam poyam) without Hevedgate opposite his shop. Length 8ft., width 2ft. And also a certain plot of vacant land under the wall of the mansion of the said Richard (sub pariete mansionis dicti Ricardi) in length 4ft., in width 4ft., on condition that the said Richard shall occupy the said plot of land with a stone called "le Gryndstoon." By service of rent 4d., and otherwise not, &c.	10, infra. Richd. Brand tanner (allutarius). 13. Wm. Cristemasse. 21. Alice, wife of John Clerk. 26. Stephen Lovekyn. 29. Stephen Baker. 31. John Delve. 40, infra. John Broome, tanner. 41, extra. John Cok of East Street.

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1392-4. BAILIFFS: THOS. FRAUNCEYS. JOHN CRISTION.	4, infra. Richd. Reede of Bradewelle (Bradwell). 6, infra. John Peny of Waltone. 10, extra in fine. Wm. Schotyere of Coggessale. 15. Thos. Bonesaunt of Kirkeby (Kirby). 17. John Edward of Brytlyngsey. 19, extra. Wm. Cotel of Groundesburgh (Grundisburgh). 21, extra. Walter Springold of Witham. 26. Robt. Gange of Brumfeeld (Broomfield). Clement Warner of West Iltoun (?West Hilton). Thos. Archeer of Aktone (Acton). 30. Gilbert Moyse, rector of St. Martin [Colchester]. 39. John Lambheerde. 40. Stephen Rychard of Bodewene [? Bodvean, co. Carnarvon]. Robt. Hereward of Wykhampoul (WickhamSt.Paul). John Sconyng.		
Folio 63 (xlvi.)		42, infra. The Bailiffs granted and delivered ad firmam to Thomas Sadelere of Colchester, a certain plot of vacant land lying opposite the churchyard of All Saints, Colchester, near the Castle Ditch, in length 28½ rods, namely from the way past the house of John Lyard, which leads into the King's field [Castle Field] as far as the boundary between the said Thomas and William Reve. And the same way shall remain 2 rods in width, namely from the way past John Lyard's house leading to Castle Field as far as the boundary between the said Thomas and William Reve, and the same way shall remain in width, 2 rods. Rent always at Hokeday 6d. Lease to John Cristion of a certain encroachment (prepresturam) made by him at the Hythe as far as the King's highway where the same John has newly built. In length, 15 rods, and at the two ends it extends to nothing. Rent per annum 1d. In the same year the Bailiffs leased to Seman Clerk and Thos. Clerk a certain ditch, formerly belonging to the north bank lying between the land lately taken (captam) by John Deynes on the south side near the tenement formerly Augustine Plomer's. Rent per annum, 4d.	10. Thos. Coggere. 12. John Skirwhit. 17, extra in fine. Walter Stanewey. 21, extra. JohnThrustelfoorde. 23, extra. John Lavender, of Hythe. 24. William Biantre. 30, infra. John Halleman. 33, extra, Wm.Lavender 40. John atte Cherche. 28. Adam Rakebolt. 42, extra. Alexius Cogger, exhibited but not proved.
Dorse of Folio 63 (xlvi.)			
1393-4 BAILIFFS: SIMON FORDHAM. RALPH ALGAR.	1. John Sterre of Langham. Wm. Roodlond, of Schropham (Shropham, Norfolk).		3, extra. John Hadlegh. 5, extra. Stephen Hancok. 6, extra. John Algood. 5. Catherine Cook.

BURGESSES.

Thos. Turnour of Astone (? Aston, co. Herts).
Richd. Flysp of Estorpe (Easthorpe).
Wm. Perye of Lodelowe (Ludlow).
John Costyn of Campes.
3, extra. John Kyng of Ardelegh.
5, infra. Wm. Payn of Capel.
7, infra. John Braxtede of Hadlegh.
Richd. Wynter of Boxtede.
8. Wm. Fychet of Wynterburne (Winterborne).
9. John Derby of Teteshale (? Tattershall, co. Lincoln).
Thos. Richer of Stanewey (Stanway).
20. John Fryth of Great Clactone.
21. Richd. Coupere of Wisbeche.
35. John Pilgrym of Fyngringhoo.
Robt. Geywode of Rouhege.
Wm. le Northe of Alsforde (Alresford).
Richd. Buk of Kersey.
24. John Elys of Wevenhoo.
25. Peter Man of Maldone.
28. John Maryote of Witham.
John Wilby of Bockyng.

[The folios marked xlvii., xlviii., xlix., l., and li. have been cut out of the book. The small part remaining seems to indicate that there were entries on these folios, but probably they were recopied, as there does not appear to be any hiatus in the record. Folio lii. begins with a quite different handwriting, probably of rather later date.]

Folio 64 (lii.)

LEASES, ETC.

14, extra. Lease to Richard Crowele, rector of Holy Trinity, Colchester, of a tenement in Trinity parish opposite the churchyard, namely for the rectory of the church. To hold from the Bailiffs and commonalty aforesaid.

34. Lease to John Taselere of a plot of vacant land lying in a certain lane extending from Northscherde as far as North Bridge next the stone wall there, opposite the king's street (ex opposito regie strate) there and the tenement formerly John Plomer's of North Street, 16½ rods

WILLS.

10. John Leche, senior.
15. Matilda Ball.
20. John Kent, cordwainer.
21. John Dore.
23. John Syward.
John Wayte.
25. Philip Smart.

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		in length and 4¾ rods in width at the west end and 3 rods at the east end. Rent at Hokeday, 8d. On condition of repair of the stone wall there as more fully appears in the roll, &c. 31. Lease to Ralph Taselere of a plot of vacant land behind the house formerly Nicholas Premerole's in the street called "Maydenburgh Stret" in St. Nicholas' parish, 1 rod in width towards the east and 4 rods 1 foot in length. Rent per annum, 2d.	
1394-5. BAILIFFS: JOHN SEBURGH. THOMAS CLERK.	2. John Leche. Wm. Fraunceys. Gilbert Kent of Melford. John Knyght of Hadlegh. Ralph in the Fen. 3. John Ninne (?) of Wrytele (Writtle). John Smyth of Dovercourt. 5. Thos. Priour of Schelleye (Shelley, Suffolk). 6. John Noke of Holton. 9. John Quyour of Fordyngtoun (Fordington, Dorset).		
Dorse of Folio 64 (lii.)	11. Robt. Spencer of Wellys (Wells). Roger Lelye of Bungey. 12. Philip Devyas (or Denyas) of Gloucester. 14. John Alapert of Coggeshale. 18. Michael Spraggy of Norwich. John Kyng of Cumbiltoun (Kimbolton) in co. Huntingdon. 22. John Munk of Manytre (Manningtree). 33, extra. Thos. Peyntour of Pritewelle (Prittlewell).		8. Robt. Hornby. Thos. Freend. 10. Thos. Moveroun. 22. John Cofford, chaplain. 30. John Gelle.
1395-6. BAILIFFS: SIMON FORDHAM. JOHN DYEBE, merchant.	1. Richd. Elys of Wyvenhoo. John Mendham of Mendham (Suffolk). John Younge of Rochford. Wm. Pakke, fuller, of Hadlegh. Richd. Stodle of Willescombe (Wiveliscombe*), co. Somerset. John Lessoun of Langham. John Warwelle, dyer. Walter Godefey, of Stoke. 5. John Munketoun of Sandwych. Philip Mannok of Stoke.		

* Wiveliscombe, pronounced locally Wilscombe.

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	7. Andrew Hunte of London, sawyer. Thomas Exton of Newerk (Newark), co. Notyngham. 8. Alex. Gurdon of Caunterbury. John Gylot of Leyre del hay (Layer de la Haye). John Heyward of Kyrkeby (Kirby). 17. Edmund Haverlond.		
Folio 65 (liii.)	18. Thos. Fullere of Aldham. 20. Thos. Olyver of London, grocer. 27. John Fayrsted of Bradewell (Bradwell), near Coggeshale. John Estryngtoun of York.		4, extra. John Bakere of Colchester, merchant. 7. Roger Flyngaunt. 23. Alexius Tylneke. 29. John Vero.
1396-7. BAILIFFS : JOHN CRISTION. JOHN SEBURGH. in the 20th Richard II., and because John Christion died immediately after Michaelmas, therefore Thomas Clerk was elected in his place.	1. John Reve of Hegham (Higham) webbe (weaver). John Foster of Colne Engayne. John Trum of Harwe (Harrow), in co. Middlesex. Thos. Gameney of East Bergholt. Wm. Skyrwhyt of Stambourne. 10. Wm. Senday of Codenham (Coddenham, Suffolk). John Sumpter of St. Osyth. 21. Wm. Notyngham of Gestyng [thorpe]. 34. Thos. Heyward of Coggeshall.		8. John Bud. 9. Alice, formerly wife of John Heyrere of Colchester. 17. John Lawrence of Colchester. John Mayneld.
Dorse of Folio 65 (liii.)		35, extra. Lease by deed to John Haux of a plot of vacant land lying in a certain lane beweten the tenement and garden of Robert Aldewyne, called "Plantynges," and the tenement and garden of the aforesaid John Haux formerly Roger Hotfot's and afterwards his wife Cristina's on the south and north, and the King's highways on the east and west, which plot is 39⅜ ells in length and in width at the west end 6¾ ells. Rent at Hokeday, 12d. 35. Lease to Joan, formerly wife of Simon Rodebryght for the whole of her life, and after her decease to Richd. Whytere, his heirs and assigns, in perpetuity, a house newly built, with garden adjoining, which house and garden and appurtenances are situate in a certain place called Eldelond, opposite the gate formerly Simon Rodebryght's, called Burgate. Length on the west and north 7½ rods, from Thos. Pilorek's house on the east as far as Henry Bosse's garden on the west. Per virgam. Rent at Hokeday 1½d.	18. Alexander Pod. 21. John Borlee. 25. Alan Ferrow. 34. John Busser. 35. Simon Rodebrygh.
1397-8. BAILIFFS : JOHN DYERE. WILLIAM MATE.	1. William Brewes of Gyssyngge (Gissing) co. Norfolk.		

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	Thos. Essex of Bokkyngge.		
Folio 66 (liv.)	8. Thos. Godeston of Godeston (Godstone), co. Surrey. John Mulbery of Myldenhale, co. Suffolk. 18, infra. John Chyld of Halstede, mercer. 19. John Pake of Aldham, barber. Robt. Fullere of Aldham. 26. John Neggemere of Baldeseye (Bawdsey), co. Suffolk.	38. Lease to John Dawe of North Street, a parcel of vacant land near the inner stone wall (prope murum lapideum interiorem) for building, near North Gate. In length from North Gate to the said John Dawe's house, on the west, $10\frac{3}{8}$ rods. In width, 1 foot. Per virgam. Rent 2d. Fine paid. And the Bailiffs and Commonalty desire to have a sufficient way through the said parcel of land near the wall aforesaid, to view and to repair the said wall of the town whensoever, and as often soever as shall please them in all future time, in perpetuity, without hindrance of the aforesaid John Dawe, his heirs or assigns, and the said John Dawe binds his tenement for the payment of the said rent. Lease to William Notyngham of a parcel of vacant land for building, lying near the said William's house, formerly John Curteys's, opposite Richard Bawde's tenement, where the said William has of late built on the west side an upper room (solarium) of his house, as far as the corner of the said upper room. In length $4\frac{1}{4}$ rods and in width $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet. To hold to him and his heirs and assigns, per virgam. Rent, 2d. And the said William binds his tenement for payment of the said rent.	2. Nicholas Davy. Thos. Barbour of Colchester. 25. Richd. Note. 34. John Beste.
1398-9. BAILIFFS : THOS. GODESTON. THOS. FRAUNCEYS.			
Dorse of Folio 66 (liv.)	3, extra. Henry Chapman of Pritewelle. 9, infra. Wm. Blyth of Cantelee (Cantley), Norfolk. 10. JohnChambre taverner (tabernarius). 17, infra. Robt. Midlyng of Southmenstre. 18, infra. John Herre of Dedham. Roger Bubbe of Maldon.	18, extra. Lease to John Plomer, fletcher, of a plot of land at present built [upon], formerly John Hampton's and Margaret his wife's, daughter of Geoffrey Haras, of Colchester, next "St. Eleyne pet," $6\frac{3}{4}$ rods in length on either side by the iron standard of the lord king in the borough of Colchester, and in width at either end, from the land of John atte Foord, $4\frac{3}{4}$ rods, together with a certain parcel of curtilage adjacent. To hold to himself and his heirs and assigns, per virgam, in perpetuity. Rent 3s. a year at Hokeday.	12, extra. John atte Wode of All Saints parish, otherwise called Waltham. 14, extra. Wm. Fychat of St. Botolph's parish, Colchester. 23. Robt. Whitlove of St. Martin's parish, Colchester.
Folio 67 (lv.)			
1399-1400. BAILIFFS : JOHN SEBURGH. JOHN ATTE FOORD.	5, infra. Richd.Newbery of Wytham. John Brownyng of Walton. 1, infra, WilliamGounge of Bokkyng. John Bryde of Brystowe. 1, extra. Robt. Beneyt of Great Jernemuth (Yarmouth). Wm. Sandre of Great Bentelegh. 7, infra. Wm. Horn of Longham (Langham). 8, infra. Wm. Cosyn of Wyvenho. 17. William atte Mere, butcher. John Crakebon of Little Waltham. Robt. Pippard.		15, extra. Richd. Dedham. 16, infra. Wm. Gosse of St. Giles's parish, Colchester. 23, extra, and 24, infra, Simon Fordham. 25, extra. Thos. Clerk.

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1400-1. BAILIFFS: THOS. FRAUNCEYS. STEPHEN FLYSP.			
Dorse of Folio 67 (lv.)	1, extra. John Pycard of Elmested, junior. Ralph Dawe of Little Berdefeld (Bardfield). John Jouncel of Hadlegh. Robt. Cachhare of Berkyng (Barking). 6, extra. Thos. Veel of Bryxham (? Brixham, co. Devon). 13, extra. John Ketil of Elmested. 14. Robt. Smyth of Thorp. John Heynes of Langenho. 16, infra. Robt. Hetheryngham. John Cherche, carpenter. 20, extra. John Trumpyngtoun of Fresyngfeld. 22, infra. Richd. Couper of Fyngryngho.		4, infra. PhilipHastyng. 8, Michael Aubre. 10, extra. John Haux. 13, infra. John Pope of Mylande. 19, infra. Hugh Bekenham. 19, infra and extra. Clement Cok.
1401-2. BAILIFFS: THOS. GODESTON. JOHN SEBURGH.	2, infra. John Fyndenayl of Feryng (Feering) John Jolyf, carpenter, of Mapistrested (Maplestead). John Brokhole of Clare. John Skylman, peltmonger of Aldham. Wm. Doberday of Chartham. Roger Bowel, fishmonger, of Hadlegh. 3. Thos. Pycard, junior, of Elmested. 6, extra. John Swyke. 6, infra. John Thurgor of Sudbury. 12, extra. John Rysyng of Stokeneylond.		
Folio 68 (lvi.)	30. John Martyn of Gosfeld. Wm. Vynour.	12. Lease to Wm. Samptoun of a parcel of ground (fundi) at the entrance of the king's street called Weststokwelle stret in his tenement where he dwells, formerly Thomas Tannere's and afterwards Wm. Sloman's, opposite the tenement formerly Robt. Pekham's, now Robt. Priour's, upon which parcel a porch was lately constructed. The said parcel of land contains 7½ feet pauline (de pedibus paulinis), between the street aforesaid and the sill (zellam) of Wm. Sampton's dwelling-house, namely on the west side, and in width at the south end 23	5, extra. Matilda Sprygold. 12, infra. John Freysel. 15, infra. Richd. Wylegh. 23. Adam Barbour. [*In a later writing.*] Relax. Henr. atte Stone, Johis. Hereward, &c.

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		inches pauline measure (pollices paulinos) and at the north end 2ft. 1in. pauline measure Service 2d. always at Hokeday. 17, extra. Lease to John Grove of East Street, of a plot of vacant land lying at the end of East Street opposite his garden, namely from the south side of the same, where the same John dwells, and containing in length, opposite the said garden, 75 feet by rule (de regula) and in width 5 feet at either end. Service 4d. a year at Hokeday, according to the custom of the town. 17. Lease to Sampson Reylonde of Colchester, of a plot of land at the end of East Street, on the east side of the land above granted by the Bailiffs to John Grove. Length 52½ feet by rule ; width 5 feet. Service, 4d. at Hokeday.	
Dorse of Folio 68 (lvi.) **1402-3.** BAILIFFS : JOHN ATTE FOORD. PHILIP NEGGEMERE.	2. James Playford of Tott, Norfolk. John Priour of Schelley, Suffolk. Thos. Trum of Harwe atte hel(Harrow on-the-Hill). John Sandre of Gt. Bentelegh. Robt. Wylegh of Ardelegh. John Fraunceys of Kymberlee(Kimberley). John Cook,weaver,of Copford. Thos.Smyth,weaver, of Langham. Richd. Skryvener of Arderne(? Harden). Robt. Cuttesone of Fulbourne (Fulbourn co. Cambridge). Wm. Broun of Clare. John Beste, smith, of Copford. John Canoun,baker, of Henkesworth (Hinxworth,Herts.) Thos. Baker of Ardelegh. John Herry of Maldone. Thos. Osekyn of Tyllyngham. John Morce of Colne. John Downyng of Ramesey. 2, infra. Thomas Jakelot of Kyrkeby (Kirby). Thos. Colbayn of Tollesbery. Robt. Daunce of Pentelowe(Pentlow). 7, infra. John Canceler of Dedham. 7, infra. John Revekyn alias Horkeslegh of Horkeslegh. 7, extra. Robert Neggemere born(oriundus)		

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	in Bawdessey (Bawdsey). John Berner of Wyvenho. Wm. Cartere of Wyvenho. 8, infra. John Wakke of Gt. Okle (Oakley). 15, infra. John Ressche of Hegham (Higham). 19, extra. John Trust. 18. Walter Chaas of Wyvenho, born (oriundus) in Elmestede. 23, extra. Henry Dowune (or Downne).		
Folio 69 (lvii.)		14, infra. Lease to Richd. Stoodlee of Colchester of a certain plot of vacant land at New Hythe, Colchester, behind Cristina Peldone's tenement. In length, namely from the said Christina's tenement extending to the common meadow towards the west, 18 ells of the King's iron standard, and in width from the ditch of the said Richard's garden as far as the said meadow towards the south, 12 ells. Service 20d., payable at Hokeday. And he gives to the Bailiffs and commonalty by way of fine for entrance, &c. And he does fealty, &c. 15, infra. Lease to Friar William Westbroom, Prior of St. Botolph, Colchester, and to the convent of the Priory, of a certain plot of waste land in the south corner of the lane called Berislane, and on the north side of the ground (fundi), belonging to the same Priory, for building upon (ad superedificandum). Length 32 feet; width at the north end 4 feet, and at the south end 1½ feet parline. Service 4d, at Hokeday. Fine for entrance, &c. And he does fealty. 18, infra. Lease to Philip Neggemere, of Colchester, of a certain plot of vacant land at New Hythe behind his tenement there, which [tenement] was formerly John Sewhale's. Length, 40 ells; width, 39 ells. Service 2s. 8d. a year at Hokeday.	
Dorse of Folio 69 (lvii.) **1403-4.** BAILIFFS: Thos. Fraunceys. John Pod, merchant.	2, extra. Robt. Bernard. Stephen Artour. Richd. Legat. John Srkyrlyng. 14. John Grene. 4. John Swalwe (Swallow). John Cukhook. Wm. atte Brook of Aketon (Acton, Suffolk). 21, extra. Wm. Aylleweyne de sancto Iuo (of St. Ives). John Mounsy of Nedhamstret (Needham Street, Suffolk). 30, infra. John Goselee of Tedyngton (Teddington).	27, extra. Lease to Roger Spendelove, of a vacant plot of land in St. Botolph's parish, namely on the west side of his shop opposite the King's street and the graveyard. Length on the south and north sides 33ft. 2in., by rule. Width, near South Gate, at the north end, 5 feet. Service, 6d. a year at Hokeday. The said Roger binds as security for payment has capital house there, wherein he dwells. Fine as appears in roll.	4, infra. John Revekyn of Colchester, alias Sadiller. 7, infra. John Thurgor of Sudbury. 15, extra. Adam Payne of Old Heath.

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Folio 70 (lviii.) **1404-5.** BAILIFFS: THOS. GODESTON. JOHN SEBURGH.	3, infra. John Dunn, junior, of Gradewelle (?Greywell, Hants.) Richd. Coggere of Hethfelde (Heathfield, Sussex). John Cook, jun, of Copford. Wm. Couper of Kempston, Beds. Thos. Wryghte, chandler, of Exnyng, co. Suffolk. Roger Northey of Wetheresfeld, Essex. Wm. Wodeseye of Wytbermondesford (Wormingford). Wm. Snelbank of Canons Belcham (Belchamp St. Paul), co. Essex. John Dunn, sen., of Bradewelle (Bradwell). Nicholas Newys of Seynt Marye tyd (Tydd St. Mary), co. Lincoln. John Stevene of Sudbury. 4, extra. Thos. Stampe of Writele (Writtle). Richd. Balsham of Wyllynghale (Willingale). 9, extra. Wm. Mayhewe of Rameseye (Ramsey). 15, extra. John Algood, jun., mercer. 21, extra. Matthew Sayer. 25, extra. Wm. Hardyng, baker.	32, extra. Lease to John Mendham of Colchester, of a certain parcel of land (fundi) of the commonalty of Colchester lying very near John Mendham's dwelling at South gate, under the stone wall of the town of Colchester. Width at the east end 4ft. pauline and a quarter of a rod; and at the west end 10½ft, pauline. Length 34ft. Also leased to the said John Mendham that upper room (solarium) with the houses built over it, with its appurtenances, situate over the gate of the town called Southgate, which John atte Gate lately acquired of the Bailiffs and commonalty. Over which gate aforesaid for the construction and building of the said upper room (solarium), Joseph Elyanore and Ralph Ode, formerly Bailiffs of the town, granted and gave licence to John Bakere of Colchester, shoemaker, as appears in certain indentures thereon made. Annual rent payable by John Mendeham, 12 silver pennies of good and customary money of England, always at Hokeday.	27, extra. John Aleyn of Boxford, burgess of the town of Colchester.
Dorse of Folio 70 (lviii.)		32, extra. Lease to William Grenewey of Colchester of a plot of land formerly Nicholas Morkyn's, at the end of East Street in the suburb of Colchester. Length on either side 20 rods; width at either end 10 rods. Rent 2s. a year at Hokeday.	
1405-6. BAILIFFS: JOHN FOORDE. JOHN DYERE, merchant	3, extra. John Peytevyn of Fordham. Robt. Beldesone of Whetacre (Wheatacre), Norfolk. 4, infra. John Mellere of Canewedon, in Rochford hundred, co. Essex. 9, infra. Thos. Chercheman, weaver. 12, extra. William Wafere, clerk. John Browere of Gt. Badowe (Gt. Baddow) next Chelmesford.		

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Folio 71 (lix.)	15, extra. Wm. Samptone, alias Goolde, [made] anew for various causes as appears in the roll aforesaid. John Phelip "hosteler," born at (oriundus), Haveryngе atte Bowre, co. Essex. 17, infra. John Gartoun of Brontoun, co., York. 27, extra. Thos. Berte of Aldham. Wm. Fulbourne of co. Cambridge (de com. Cantebr.) John Wodefen of Horkeslegh. 33, infra. WilliamBryan Lammerssh (Lamarsh). William atte Hole, jun., of Fratyng 34, extra. Richard atte Hame of Ardelegh. 36, infra. Geoffrey Felde of Harwich. John Mildewelle of Tolleshunte Knyghtys. Thos. Mildewelle of Tolleshunt aforesaid. John Lylye of Bungey, Suffolk. 36, extra. John Welde of Wyvenhoo. John Chace of Elmestede. JohnGrey of Elmeth (Elmsett, Suffolk). John Mannoll, jun., butcher of Stoke Neylland.		
Dorse of Folio 71 (lix.) **1406-7.** BAILIFFS: THOS. GODESTON. HENRY BOSSE.	3, extra. John Pode of Weltamstowe (Walthamstow). John Cartere of Wyvenhoo. Wm. Gylmyn of Ardelegh. Wm. Baron of Wykes (Wix). John Bourdeney of Wetheryngsete (Wetheringsett). Wm. Manston, barber, of Whepstede. Robt. Parker of Clare. John Trewe of Kelleden (Kelvedon). John Reynham, plumber, of Reynham. JohnAsketill of Stratford. John Pernell of Groundesburgh (Grundisburgh).		

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	John Cook, baker, of Gt. Badewe (Gt. Baddow).		
	4, infra. Richd. Wente of Stoke Neylland.		
	Robt. Nerrat, barber. of Lymbere (Limber, co. Lincoln).		
	John Parker, carpenter, of Botoun (? Booton, Norfolk).		
	John Dedham, smith, of Astoun (Aston).		
	Wm. Barat, barber, of Gosehercherche.		
	Andrew Hancoks, butcher of Wyken (Wicken).		
	John Wryghte, weaver, of Exnyng (Exning, nr. Newmarket).		
	John Whelewryght of Bery (Bury).		
	John Crossewode of Notyngham.		
	4, extra. Thos. Tastoun of Nedam market (Needham Market).		
	Wm. Thommelyn of Salysbery.		
Folio 72 (lx.)	5, extra. Matthew Humberland of Beaumond (Beaumont).		4, extra. John Arnold, of St. Peter's parish, Colchester.
	Roger atte Worde, spicer, of Sudbery.		
	Wm. Kyng of Ardelegh.		
	6, infra. Wm. Mont, sen., of Ardelegh.		
	12, infra. Wm. Cook, tailor, of Walton.		
	Richd. Wylegh, son of John Wylegh, sen., of Colchester, born at Capel.		
	John Wylegh, jun., son of the said John Wylegh, sen., of Colchester, born at Capel.		
	Gilbert Wylegh, son of the said John Wylegh, sen., Colchester, born at Capel.		
	Robt. Synt of West Merseye.		
	Wm. Skylman of Ipswich.		
	Thos. Sewalle of Cleydoun (Claydon).		
	John Flyngaunt of Wrabbenase (Wrabness).		
	John Mone, weaver, of Gestenyngthorp (Gestingthorpe)		

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Thos. Staundoun de Hibernia (of Ireland).		
13, extra. John Aylleward of Multoun (Moulton, Norfolk).		
John Stevene, fuller, of Wylye (Weeley).		
John Doreward, senr., weaver, of Stystede (Stisted).		
John Doreward, jun., weaver, of Stystede.		
Hugh Doreward, weaver, of Stystede.		
John Neel of Fallegh (? Fawley, co. Hereford).		
14, extra. Bartholomew Neve of Wetheryngesete.		
John Starlyng of Holbrook.		
John Jemye of Otys Belcham (Belchamp Otten, Essex).		
Richd. Page of Lalleford (Lawford)		
Simon Fychat of Haddelegh.		
Richd. Mille of Coggyshale.		
John Parlebien of Halstede.		
Thos. Pernell of Resshmere (Rushmere).		
John Felde of Chatesham (Chattisham Suffolk).		
Wm. Danell of Northampton.		
John Grove of Hyntelysham (Hintlesham).		
John atte Wode of Boxford.		
John Pollye of Fordham.		
Thos. Hert of Bradewell (Bradwell).		
John Mud of Fordham.		
Richd. Daunce of Pentelowe (Pentlow		
Thos. Gybbe of Redeswell (Ridswell).		
15, infra. Wm. Gosse of Wytham (Witham).		
Richd. Morrell of Bokkyng (Bocking).		
Richd. Aldewen of Watford.		
Robt. Masoun of Echen (Iken, Suffolk).		
Bartholomew Pynell of Herewardon (? Harrowden, co. Bedford).		

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	Robt. Wylby of Colne comitis (Earls Colne). 18, infra. Richd. Disse of Dysse, Norfolk. John Fryday, weaver, of Chelmersford. John Thurkyll, "sherman," of Mordon (Morden). 29, extra. Robt. Perold of Bergholte. 32, infra. Richd. Skeet of Worstede (Worstead, Norfolk)		
Dorse of Folio 72 (lx).		32, infra. Lease to William Horn, butcher, of a plot of land, 9ft. long, 5ft. wide, to make and build thereon a butcher's stall. Which plot of land is near the stall of Marion Fordham, built over with a certain upper room (solario), on the west side, and the common stalls towards the castle on the east side, and towards the messuage formerly Hugh Debenham's, now Martin Felde's as of right of Katherine, his wife, on the north side. Which stall he shall enclose round the limits of his land (circumclaudet per terram), but he shall not build over it. Per virgam, at will, &c. Annual rent 2s. at Hokeday. Grant and licence concerning the footbridge at New Hythe. The Bailiffs aforesaid, by will and assent of the Four-and-Twenty of the Council of the town, granted in this year, and gave licence to Stephen Flysp, John Plomer, merchant, John Mabbesone, Richard Stodele, John Seman, and other men dwelling at the Hythe, that they might have there a certain footbridge (pontem pedalem) 18 inches wide, to lie beyond the bank at the Hythe, with rails fixed to the same (cum raillys eidem annexis) to support pedestrians of the country coming thither. On condition that the men aforesaid shall make the bridge with one support (spoia) so that boats and other vessels (vasa) shall be able to come to the bridge of East Street at all times without hindrance or disturbance whatsoever. Also that the aforesaid bridge shall not be enlarged or increased in future time to greater width than aforesaid. Also that the men aforesaid or anyone in their name shall not, in time to come, under colour of the grant aforesaid of the bridge aforesaid, make the bridge for horse or waggon traffic (equinalem nec bigalem) but must always keep and maintain the bridge as a footbridge of the width aforesaid and not wider, at will of the Bailiffs and the Four-and-Twenty of the Council of the Town. And if the footbridge seem to be made otherwise than as is above set forth, or be in future time to the detriment, nuisance or hindrance of the town of Colchester, that then, notwithstanding the grant aforesaid, it may, by the Bailiffs and Four-and-Twenty for the time being, be without any impediment entirely broken, abolished and removed. And the bridge shall be made under these conditions and not otherwise.	16, infra. William Grenewey. 18, infra. John Colne of St. Peter's parish, Colchester.

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1407-8. BAILIFFS: THOS. FRAUNCEYS. JOHN POD, merchant.	3. Wm. Chaloner alias Stanton. Henry Branketre of Bristowe (Bristol; or possibly Burstall, Suffolk). John Fythcon alias Hetheryngham. Austin Polleye of Fordham		
Folio 73 (lxi.)	4, extra. John Bertelot of Dounham (Downham). 15, infra. Wm. Lemyng of London. John Saveryn, barber, of Stoke. 19, extra. John Bal of Brysete (? Bursted, Essex). 31, extra. Wm. Man, of Wyvenhoo. 33 infra. John Smyth of Stokeneylond.		
1408-9. BAILIFFS: JOHN DYERE. WILLIAM MATE.	2. John Austyn of Fynchyngfeld. 17. John Straunge of Lowlynge (Cowlinge, Suffolk). Ralph Northawe of Debenham. 21. Wm. Whitere, son of Richd. Whitere. 44. Wm. Pycard of Ardelegh. 47. John Othelishoo of Gestyngthorp. Geoffrey Herwy of Leyre delhay	44, Lease to John Syward, chaplain, of a vacant plot of land in Morstret, as more fully appears in the Roll. Rent 2d. per annum at Hokeday.	7. Stephen Baroun. 9. John Grygge. 19. Richd. Whytere. 21. Ralph Waryn, chaplain. Peter Smyth 28. John Grove. 36. John Abel. 47. Wm. Taselere.
1409-1410. BAILIFFS: THOS. FRAUNCEYS. JOHN POD.			
Dorse of Folio 73 (lxi.)	5. Robt. Burgh of Thacsted (Thaxted.) 15. Robert Bregge of Manytre (Manningtree.) 24. Thos. Wylegh of Ardelegh. 1. James Tanner of Lyncolne. BartholomewFaconer of Schobury (Shoebury.) John Crouch of Gt. Bentley. Robt. Parker of Bergholt. John Spendelove of Esthorp. Robt. Norton of co. Oxford. Robert Cok of Thunf (? Thurne, Norfolk.)	35. Lease to Thomas Jakelot of a plot with houses thereon, opposite to St. Helen's Chapel, in the street called Maydeburgh, 13¾ rods 1 nail long, which Simon Whyte surrendered. Rent 12d. a year at Hokeday.	35. William Coupere of East Street, Colchester.

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1410-11. BAILIFFS: JOHN ATTE FORDE. WILLIAM MATE.	1. Wm. Chiltone, cordwainer, of co. Suffolk. 5. Richd. Brid, of Pulham, Suffolk. 26. Thos. Wynton of co. Bucks. Walter Lundy of Acklim in Welde (? Acklam, E.R. Yorks.)		6. Beatrice Waltham. Katherine Schipman. 7. John Note. 19. Richd. Croucheman. Peter Thurinood. 24. John Mordone. John Snoryng. 30. John Costyn. 38. infra. John Bisshop of St. Botolph's parish.
Folio 74 (lxii.)	27. John Bertelot born in Fingringhoe 40. Reginald Keleshale, alias "vynt combe," born at Keleshale, (Kelsale), Suffolk. 9. William Oreford of Erehithe (Erith.)	26, infra. Lease to John Mallyng, rector of Holy Trinity, of a tenement with its appurtenances situate next the churchyard, for a rectory of his church aforesaid, and to have and to hold of the Bailiffs, etc. 37, infra. William Cotell and Katherine his wife came into full court and surrendered to the use of Roger Lilye of Colchester a certain ditch, an appurtenance to the North bank, between the land lately taken (captam) by John Deynes from the Bailiffs and commonalty in the bank aforesaid on the south side near the tenement which Austin Plomer [surrendered ?] lately to Seman Clerk and Thos. Clerk by lease of William Webbe of Chelmesford, in length from the highway towards the west as far as the garden of the same tenement 21½ rods lineal (linealiter). Per virgam, rent 4d a year at Hokeday.	
1411-12. BAILIFFS: THOS. GODESTON. JOHN DYERE.	1. William Aleyn of Bradefeld (Bradfield), Essex. John Wallere of Wyston (Wiston), Suffolk. Thos. Ashman, butcher, of Trent. John Waterman, barker, of Stratford. Adam Squyer of Lalleforde (Lawford). 6. John Riseby son of Edmund Riseby. 9. John Fordham of Estillebury (East Tilbury). Roger Burgoyne, butcher. 25. Richd. Porter of Ramesey (Ramsey.) William Chamberleyn. 31. Wm. Fuller of Aldham. 34. Richd. Randolf of Hecham (Hitcham, Suffolk.) 10, infra, John Segrave of Billyngesherst (Billingshurst), co. Sussex	3 Recognisance of release by Edmund Tyrell and Eleanor, formerly wife of Edmund Haverlond, of the hospice called "le Flacoun."	9. John Poltede, carpenter. 15. Alice Chambre. 20 Alice Stengere.
Dorse of Folio 74 (lxii.)	1. John Hunte, chaplain. John Cok, of Bergholte. John Sudbury of Sudbury. Robt. Doget, butcher.		12. John Wyot. Thos. Hadlegh. John Fyndenayll. 19. Robt. Horkeslegh. John Roote. 20. John Pod, dyer. 26. Wm. Leche.
1412-13. BAILIFFS: THOS. FRAUNCEYS. JOHN ATTE FOORDE.			

	BURGESSES.	LEASES, ETC.	WILLS.
	Robert Priour, butcher. 3. Robt. Selby, dyer, born in Gloucester. Walter Robyn of Hadlegh. Geoffrey Munte, born in Great Bromley. 5. John Reynold of Stamford, 7. Peter Aubre, born in Colne. George Bryghthed, "dyere appuldre." Wm. Daundsey, butcher. 8. Robert Sely of Fordham. 19. Robert Crakebon of Terlyng. 30. John Bryce, born at Beauchamp. Roger Pygas, born at Little Holland. 37. John Crystofre, born at Reylegh (Rayleigh). 42. Walter Fitzyve of Boxford.		John Belte, merchant. Richard de Colne. Thos. Meltone. 37. John Sonyld (or Souyld.) 41. Michael Spragy. Cristina Spendelowe Richd. Goodwyne. 43. John Chercheman. 45. Emma who was wife of John Beste.
1413-14. BAILIFFS: THOS. GODSTON. WM. MATE. *Folio* 75 (lxiii.)	4. Wm. Morell of Neylond. Thos. Dygon of Stradesete (Stradsett, Norfolk). John Bonewyk of Fordham. Thos. Cook, of Schellegh (Shelley). John Tendryngge of Beaumond. John Cook of Walton. Edmund Piteman of Aston. Richd. Payn of Lalleford (Lawford). John Stokkeley of Newbury. Richd. Seford of Geldeford (Guildford). Richd. Plomer, "ferrour" (farrier) John Cook, plumber, of Brundissh. John Be Este of Bryghtlyngesey. Richd. Rede of Walshale (Walsall). John Piers, baker of White Colne. Robt. Andymer of Horkeslegh. 11. Wm. Bowre of Hoton, co. York (Houghton.)	39. Lease to Clement Aungevyn, John Trewe and Thos. Ryper, clerk, of a tenement and appurtenances situate at the Castle Gate, on a certain plot of land which Thos. Wythermerssh formerly acquired of Alexius Coggere and William Reyne, Bailiffs of the town in 37 Edward III. (1363), as appears in Roll 6 of the court of that year; and which Edmund, father of Clement Aungevyn, left by his will to the same Clement and to Agnes, his daughter, to be divided equally between them. Per virgam. Rent, 2d. a year.	7. Richd. Byggyng, brasier 8. Thos. Wellis of Newewerk, co. Notyngham (Newark). 15. Robert Beste of Colchester. 28. Alice Stonham. Adam Blakeman. 40. Thos. Slade.

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	21. Elias Baker, of co. Kent.		
Dorse of Folio 75 (lxiii).			44. Simon Slade. 47. John Methell, of Dedham.
1414-15. BAILIFFS: THOS. FRAUNCEYS. JOHN FOORDE.	4. John Ponter, plumber of Whystan (Wiston) John Bulcote of Codgrave (Cotgrave.) Richard Huberd of Bromlegh. John Carleton, bookbinder. John Lucas, fuller, of Nottested (? Nursted), Kent. Wm. Gasewey, of Gt. Bromlegh. Nich. Alsfrith of Sutton. Wm. Polstede, tanner of Bewres (Bures.) John Coupere of Bradefeld (Bradfield). Thos. Storke, weaver, of Braxsted. John Underwode, smith, of Thaxsted. Wm. Baylly of Aldham. John Southo, of Fyngrynghoe, John Hunte atte Merrsh, senior, of Ardelegh. John Davy, dyer, of the town of St. David. John Reed, cordwainer, of Higham. John Duraunt of Salcot. John Yve of Melford. Henry Estgate, of Thaxstede. John Hamond, of Rendelesham. 39. John Buckenhell of Buckenhell (Bucknell, co. Oxon.	7. Hugh Coverour (or Caverour) and Christina, his wife, in full hundred before the Bailiffs, she being examined alone, as is fitting, surrendered a tenement in St. Nicholas Parish in Maydenburgh Street, opposite the door of the tenement belonging to St. Helen's Chapel, 11¾ rods long, to the use of Thos. Jakelot and John Catell, to to hold per virgam. Annual rent at Hokeday, 4d. Fine made.	8. John Savereye, Colchester. 12. John Seburgh, son of John Seburgh of Colchester,
Folio 76 (lxiv.)	53. Robert Cook of Lavenham. John Cook, son of Robert Cook, aforesaid.	44. Lease to Jonn Tanner of Colchester, in augmentation of his tenement in St. Botolph's parish, without the South Gate, of a parcel of vacant land, to build over it (ad desuper edificandum), on the west side of the gate aforesaid, opposite the highway there. Length towards the highway, 12 feet. Width on the south side, 2 feet 2 inches by rule. And extending to nothing on the north end of the tenement aforesaid. Service, 4d. per annum at Hokeday. Fine made.	56. John Beche of Colchester.
1415-16. BAILIFFS: THOS. GODSTON. JOHN KYMBERLEE.	4. Wm. Blomster, baker, born at Needham Market. Thos. Sawyere, born at Earls Colne. John Chas, shipman, born at Elmystede. 5. John Bowyere, baker. John Cukhok, jun. Robt. Stalham.	5. Grant of a parcel of ground to William Barown, of Colchester. Annual rent at Hokeday, 6s. 8d. 7, extra. Grant of an annual rent of [the amount illegible] to Robert Gurdon and Margaret, his wife.	5. John Gosse, skinner, of East Street.

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	John Spence, peawteur (pewterer). John Gosse.		
Dorse of Folio 76 (lxiv.)	16, extra. John Hekeford, born at Fratynge. 43. Nicholas Sayer, born at Copford. Roger Wykkys, of Tolshunte Boys. 44. John Engevyn, of Boxstede.		15. Seman Bulbek of Colchester. Robert Slaade of Colchester. Austin Sayer of Colchester. John Walleman of New Hythe, Colchester.
1416-17. BAILIFFS: JOHN FOORDE. WM. MAATE.	3. Wm. Persoun, of St. Osyth. John Abraham, of Great Tye (Tye). Simon Prentys, of Neland (Nayland). John Maister, cardmaker. John Hunte, of Wevenhoo. John Werkwoode, dyer, of Kyrkeby (Kirby). 35. John Nevard, son of Roger Nevard, of Leyre Breton. Richard Parrok, of Colchester. 39. John Sparwe, (Sparrow), of Thaxstede.		43. John Bisshop, sen., of All Saints' parish. Robt. Gurdon. John Mabbesone. 45 and 46. Thomas Fraunceys.
1417-18. BAILIFFS: THOS. GODSTON. WM. NOTYNGHAM. *Folio* 77 (lxv).	3. Richard Rowe, of Maldon. 3. John Osebern, of Wakerynge. John Garewey, of Shellye. Geoffrey Milcent, baker, of Claketon (Clacton). 26, infra. Roger Mascall of Elmesete (Elmsett), Suffolk.	17, extra. Deed of John Bordenall and Emma, his wife, made to Thos. Bakere, of Ardlegh. 19, extra. Release by John Bulbek, son of Seman Bulbek to William Trum and Thos. Colchestre. Deed of Nicholas Deye and Ellen, his wife, to John Foorde, John Godston, John Beste, clerk, and William Dicke. 20, infra. Release by Henry Branketre, Margaret his wife, and John Goldfynch, to Benedict Debenham. 20, extra. Deed by John Norwich, clerk, and others, to John Brewere, of Chelmesford. 21, infra. Deed by John Brewere and his wife Margaret, together with release, made to John Foorde and others. 30, extra. Release by John Aylmer, alias Brewere, and Sarah, his wife, to John Reve and others. 32, infra. Release by Margaret, who was wife of John Cotell, to John Beche, &c. Release by John Bertlot, clerk, and others to John Beche and Richd. Beche. 34, infra. Deed by John Sweeft and Margaret, his wife, to William Saundre and John Saundre. 35, infra. *Constitutions and Ordinances of the Fulling Art.*	
1418-19. BAILIFFS: JOHN FOORDE. AUSTIN BONESAUNT.	3. Robt. Cornewayle of Chatisham (Chattisham, Suffolk.) John Walis(?), of Ardlegh.		
Dorse of Folio 77 (lxv.)	3, John Foster, "sherman" (shearman), of Elsham (Lincs.)	11. Writing of release of John Mereld and Agnes, his wife. 19. Writing of release of Katherine, wife of John Hasilwoode.	19. John Hasilwoode of St. Peter's parish Colchester.

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	Henry Cok, butcher, of Wattir Belcham (Belchamp Walter.) John Bildistone of Thorp. John Strood, of Waltham. Wm. Nichole of Pebemerssh (Pebmarsh). Wm. Cook, plumber, of Burndyssh (Brundish). Henry Cobbe, of Gislyngham. Nich. Hayl of Blakenham. Alex. Coupere of Bredefeld(Bradfield). Wm. Lambherde of Cryssynge (Cressing). John Dowse, of Coggeshale. William Whythed of Wyngham (Wingham, Kent). Wm. Paake of Fyngryngho. Thos. Coupere, of Aldham. Richd. Hervy of Adburtone (Abberton). Robt. Maas, of Kyrkeby (Kirby). Walter Cook, of Ardlegh. John Bakere, jun., of East Street. John Heyward of Coggeshale. Thos. Godshalf of Rewenhale (Rivenhall). Richd. Fynch of Redyswelle (Ridgwell). Wm. Bateman of Thurryngtone (Thorington). 16. Wm. Lalleford of Lavenham.	20. Deed of Wm. Framlingham, clerk, and John Shesewynd. 22, extra. Lease to Robert Wyght, John Goode, John Penne, and William Bowre, of Colchester, of a piece of land at New Hythe, as appears in the roll, containing 28 feet by rule. Annual rent, 4d. at Hokeday. 26. Deed (scriptum) of confirmation of John atte Chirche of Colchester, Thos. Edward, and John Crull of Little Cove, made to Dionysia late wife of Wm. Vynt, concerning a annual rent of 10s., as appears, &c. 28. Deed (carta) of Henry Cranemere of Copforde and Katherine, his wife, made to Peter Cok of Colchester, Agnes, his wife, and Matilda Mayster.	20. John Roger, butcher of Colchester. 30. John Stace of Colchester. Roger Barkere, of Colchester. 31, extra. Walter Fitz Yve of New Hythe, Colchester.
Folio 78 (lxvi.)		33. Release of Simon Spillyng of Hadlegh and John, his son, granted to Robert Howard and others, as appears in the roll. Final agreement made between John Pood, merchant, John Paake, and Adam Shipman of the one part, and John Foorde, John Mildewelle, John Abraham, and Wm. Hunte of the other part, appears in the roll aforesaid. Deed of Wm. Bowre and John Cosyn made to Robt. Hekeforde and Sabina his wife, as appears in roll.	33. John Cliff of New Hythe.
1419-20. BAILIFFS: Thos. Godston. Wm. Notyngham.	3. John Brandon of Boghton (Boughton, Norfolk). John Whitere of Mount Bures.	7. Deed of John Algood of Colchester, merchant, and Alice his wife with recognisance, as in roll. 12. Arbitration and judgment by the Supervisors of lands and tenements between street and street, who, with the assent of the parties and by	15. John Canceleer of Colchester.

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	Richd. Whitere of the same. Roger Ogham of Ferynge. John Waryn, barker, of Coudenham (Coddenham.) Wm. Freget of Lynne Roger Barkere of Manytre (Manningtree. Wm. Gloveire of Dorem (? Dover or Durham.) John Dovere of Tolsonte (Tolleshunt). Sawycus* Potard of Bentlegh. Richd. Noth of Horkeslegh. Stephen Coo of Edwardston. Seman Yown of Oxeburgh (Oxborough). Wm. Barkere of Littone (Litton). Thos. Burchet of Langham. John Craton of Hyntelysham (Hintlesham).	direction of the Bailiffs, arbitrated and gave judgment as appears in the roll. 15. Deed of release of John Mussell of Colchester and "Issabell" his wife made to Thos. Clypston, clerk, and others, as appears in the roll. 20. Deed of Confirmation of John Sywell and Cecilia his wife, made to Thos. Osekyn and others. 24. Lease of a parcel of land and a butcher's stall built over (desuper) to John Saveryn, barber. Per virgam. Rent 2s. at Hokeday.	
Dorse of Folio 78 (lxvi).		20. Grant of a parcel of land to Wm. Bertlot of Colchester, cordwainer. 30. Release of John Canoun and Agnes, his wife, made to Austin Bonesaunt and others. Release of the said John and Agnes made to John Swallow and Richd. Balsham.	
1420-1. BAILIFFS: JOHN KYMBIRLE. WM. MAATE.	2. Thos. Lownd of Botesdale. Richd. Baret of East Mersea. Wm. Stephene of Elmestede. 14. Roger Recher of Stanewey (Stanway). 18. John Hervy of Peldon. 20. John Hunte, smith, of Kersey, Suffolk. John Peryngtone of Stookeclare (Stokeby-Clare), cordwainer.	14. Recognisance and confirmation of Robt. Slaade of Colchester, John Pod, merchant, Austin Bonesaunt, and John Mabbesone of Colchester. Release of Thos. Bosse of Colchester, merchant, made to Henry Bosse, his brother. Deed of confirmation and grant of Henry Bosse made and delivered to Thos. Godston, Wm. Notyngham, Robt. Priour, and Robt. Wyght. 16. Various deeds of grant and confirmation of various men, to the aforesaid Thomas and Katherine. 18. Lease to Margaret, late wife of John Saveryn of Neylonde, per virgam, of a parcel of land with butcher's stall thereon. Annual rent at Hokeday, 2s. 20. Deed of Confirmation of Joan Holbeche, late wife of Richd. Holbeche, of Leyham, and others made and granted to Wm. Cloptone and others.	2. John Perker, cordwainer. Ralph Northawe. 6. Roger Coupere of Fyngryngho. John Mast of St. James's parish, Colchester. 9. John Bertlot of New Hythe. 12. John Goode of St. James's parish. 16. Thos. Chircheman, of East Street. 18. Wm. Chiltone, of Holy Trinity parish. 20. Stephen Flysp of New Hythe. 21. Robt. Barkere of St. Peter's parish. John Canoun of St. Leonard's parish. 25. John Wylegh of St. Botolph's parish. 28. John Spyllyng of St. Botolph's parish.
Folio 79 (lxvii.)	26. Henry Cranemere, of Cofforde, Essex (Copford). Gilbert Way of Dedham.		
1421-2. BAILIFFS: THOS. GODSTON. HENRY BOSSE.	2. Thos. Syred, glover of Great Oakley. John Throstilfoorde, of Messynge. James King of Boxstede.	3. Surrender by Edmund Ongevyn and John Trewe, to the use of Thomas Godston, John Foorde, and Wm. Diche, their heirs and assigns, of a tenement next the Castle Gate. Per virgam. Rent 2d. a year.	

* "Sewacus" is a more usual Latin form of this old personal name. The English form is not known.

BURGESSES.	LEASES, ETC.	WILLS.
Robert Plumstede of Ennemeth (Emneth, Norfolk.)		
Richd. Mot of Bergholt Sakevyle (Bergholt Sackville i.e. West Bergholt.)		
3. John Testepyn of Stratforde.		
Henry Lakynghethe, goldsmith.		
Thos. Stecheworthe of Stecheworth (Stetchworth, Cambs.)		
Robt. atte Wood of Teye Maundevyle (Marks Tey, formerly called Tey Maundeville.)		
Thos. Damyon of Teye Maundevyle.		
John Capman of Badowe (Baddow.)		
Thos. Pekerell of East Bergholte.		
John Pyk of Blyburgh (Blythburgh, Suffolk).		
Wm. Grant of Leyston (Leiston).		
Hugh Bewmays of Beylham (Baylham, Suffolk).		
Thos. Gerold of Byllerica (Billericay).		
Wm. Rosse of Gt. Byrche (Birch).		
John Hunt of Tolshounte (Tolleshunt).		
Thos. atte Hoo of Stratford.		
Wm. Randulf of Billeryca.		
Wm. Clerk, butcher, of Stratford.		
John Leeg, butcher, of Stratford.		
John Downe, baker, of Boxstede.		
Richd. Robyn of Dedham.		
Simon Tynte of East Bergholte.		
Robt. Brook of Dedham.		
Geoffrey Terry of Dedham.		
John Bakere of Dedham.		
Richd. Popelote of Horkslegh.		
John Pode of Hertforde.		
Wm. Sweyn of Dedham.		
Wm. Saundre, butcher, of Damport, co. Somerset (? meant for Devonport or Davenport).		

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	Peter Bochier, weaver, of Ipswich.		
orse of Folio 79 (lxvii).		3. Lease to Robt. Cok of Colchester, weaver, of a plot of vacant land, 16 ells long and 10 ells wide, Per virgam. Annual rent 4d, at Hokeday. Lease to John Kymberlee of Colchester, Esquire, of a vacant plot of land of the King's farm (de fundo regio), in length 3½ rods, and in width 2½ rods near his tenement and the common park (commune parcum) of the town of Colchester on the west side and the north, and between the highway leading from the corner of Werstret as far as the tenement, late John Penne's, and the entrance of the said park of the town aforesaid on the south side and the east, enclosed with paling (pallefic'). Per virgam. Annual rent at Hokeday. 2d.	4. Wm. Man of St. James's parish. Wm. Bertelot of Colchester. 9 infra. Mary Fordham.
1422-3. BAILIFFS: Wm. Notyngham, John Sumpter.	3. John Wymbelot of Gt. Teye. Wm. Tanner of Byllerica. John West of St. Osyth. John Swanton of Swanton, Norfolk. John Hell of Wygeburgh (Wigborough). Henry Mayster of Haveryll. Roger Laurence of Wethermondesford (Wormingford). Stephen Fuller of Copford. Thos. Jolyff of Billerica. John Littlejohn of Salcote. John Hadenham of Manytre (Manningtree). Thos. atte Wode of Eye. John Pekerell of Bergholte. John Rowge of Lavenham. 5. Robert Cheyne of Melton, co. Somerset. Walter Bonesey of Wympoll, Cambs. (Wimpole).	5. Deed of John Brandon, and Marion, his wife, to John Wylmond, clerk, of Norwich, and others.	
Folio 80 (lxviii.)	6. John Sokelyng of Hawle Market, (Haughley, Suffolk). Adam Dust of Blyeburgh (Blythburgh). 9. Katherine Cook of Gestinyngthorp. 17. Thos. Huberd of Wellys (Wells). 27. Robt. Wode of Waterbelcham (Belchamp Walter).	21. Deed of Richd. Drenge, of Lexden.	14. John Geldeford of St. Mary's parish. 16. William Booure, of Colchester. 17. John Sparwe (Sparrow), mercer, of St. Runwald's parish. 22. John Baron of All Saints' parish.
1423-4. BAILIFFS: Thos. Godeston. Robt. Pryour.	2. John Sayer of Copford. 3. John Smyth, shipman, of Thorp.		

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	John Halle, son of John Halle, of Elmestede. Richd. Pacche of Berwholte Sakevyll (Bergholt Sackville). John Bradlegh de villa Calesie (of Calais). John Oliver of Oxford. Thos. Lokston of Wellys, co. Norfolk. John Taston of Needham. Thos. Hunte of Dedham. John Northen of Dedham. Wm. Thedam of Dedham. Richd. Wyk of Tolsehunte Boys. 12. Wm. Benet of Estberwholte (East Bergholt).		
Dorse of Folio 80 (lxviii).		30. Deed of John Swanton and Agnes, his wife, made to Richd. Vewetre, Esquire, William Stanton, and John Hill, mercer. Deed of Richd. Bryd made to John Myldewell. 32. Lease to John Stephene of a parcel of vacant land in Maydenburgh Street between Robert Bonet's tenement on the north and Alexander Sprot's on the south, whereof one extremity extends to the Castle Ditch, towards the east, and the other to Maydenburgh Street towards the west. Annual rent 16d., payable always at the feast of the Assumption.	16. John Lylye, mercer, of St. Martin's parish. 17. Thos. Dykon of St. James's parish. Richd. Hach of St. Nicholas parish. 30. Walter Whitehead. 33. John Gardyner of St. Mary Magdalen parish. Robt. Sweyn. Isabel, wife of Robt. Stalam.
1424-5. BAILIFFS: JOHN SUMPTER. HENRY BOSSE.	16. Robt. Rykkys, of Hadlegh.	16. NEW CONSTITUTIONS [and] ORDINANCES, made, established, and confirmed by the Council of the town and the artificers of the Shoemakers' Craft (artis allutariorum) in that Craft (in artifico illo). 21. Indented deed between John Pebemerssh, William Mate, and Sir William Holton, chaplain, of the one part, and Richd. Evesyng, and Agnes, his wife, on the other part.	
Folio 81 (lxix).	3. Thos. Godfroy, of Stokeneylond, (Stoke-by-Nayland). John Rycher. Wm. Kyng of Ardlegh. Robt. Reylond of Ardlegh. John Wellys of Hertther st (Hartest, Suffolk). John Baron, weaver, of Teye. John Rownton of Brokle (Brockley, Suffolk). Thos. Skynner of Chelmesford. John Gravelegh of Waltham. John Ivell, of Soham. John Smyth of Coggeshale.	27. Oath of the Masters of the Shoemakers' Craft. 31. Deed of Clement Angevyn, and Matilda, his wife, made to Wm. Dyche. 34. Writing Obligatory of John Foorde made to Nicholas Berners, Esquire, with indenture. 38. Indenture between Cristina Fraunceys, and Thos. Mildewell.	27. Thos. Marchaunt, mercer, of Colchester. 33. John Carter atte Brook, of St. Botolph's parish 39. Cristina, formerly wife of Thomas Godston, Esquire, of Colchester.

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	Richd. Hayll of Blakenham. Henry atte Nassh of Enfeld. Robt. Martyn of Cretyng (Creeting). Robert Heryng of Feryng (Feering). Wm. Page of Bentlee. Henry Wyndgore of Wetheryngsete. John Surman of Berkhamstede. Walter Corton of Estberwhote (East Bergholt). John Clerk of Stratford.		
Dorse of Folio 81 (lxix). **1425-6.** BAILIFFS: THOMAS GODSTON. JOHN KYMBIRLEE.	3. Robt. Poynaunt of Gt. Tey. John Sterlyng of Holbrook, Suffolk. John Tassell of Hadlegh. John Wheler of Coggeshall. Thos. Somer of Boxford. JohnCherche,mercer, of Horkeslegh. Richd. Grove of Ocle magna (Gt. Oakley). Wm. Strode of Gt. Waltham. Peter Berewyk of Lavenham. Austin Reynold of Hadlegh. Wm. Northawe of Ardlegh. Thos. Androw of Ocle magna (Gt. Oakley). John Pensford of Pensford (Painsford, Devon). John Waryn of Wyston (Wiston). John Randulff of Gt. Shelford, Kent. 4. John Gameney of Bramford. Wm. Baker of Ardlegh. John Baker of Ardlegh. John Folent of Wysbeech (Wisbech.) John Byrch of Horkeslegh. Thos. Fowll of Little Bentlegh. John Fulham of Fulham. John Brook of Chelleworth (Chelsworth, Suffolk). Richd. Edon of Gt. Bentlegh. Stephen Bylney of West Merseye.	4. Deed of Richd. Baynard, Robt. Darcy, and John Beche made to John Carter, senior, of New Hythe. Lease to Peter Fretheman, fuller, of a parcel of land in Morestrete, &c., as appears there. Rent, 1d. a year at Hokeday. Deed of release of John Algood with recognisance of Ellen, his wife, made to Robt. Pryour, John Beche, Robt. Fuller and Roger Lylye.	4. Richd. Drenge [alias] Parker of Lexden.
Folio 82 (lxx.)	10. Wm. Wisenham of London.	13. Deed of Thos. Graungyer, of Coggessale, made to William Fynderne and others.	9. Robert Wyght of St. James's parish.

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		24. Deed of release of Richard Wyleye and Margaret his wife, made to John Pyryton and others.	
1426-7. BAILIFFS: HENRY BOSSE. WM. NOTYNGHAM.	4. John Derby of Wylby, Suffolk. Robert Frost of Gt. Bromlegh. John Polstede of Estberwholte (East Bergholt.) John Drory of Wyvenhoo. Ralph Pundour of Asshefeld, Suffolk (Ashfield). Wm. Semer, mason, of Sofeham, Norfolk (? Earl Soham, now in Suffolk). Robt. Scape of Lavenham. 5. Robt. Mot of Earls Colne.	4. Deed of John Lambherde and Margaret, his wife, made to John Kymberlee and Agnes, his wife. 15. Deed of John Gardyner and Goodleeff* his wife, made to John Swalwe (Swallow) junior, John Becher, and others. Deed of Simon Hadley made to Wm. Northhawe, Agnes his wife, John Abraham, Christina his wife (formerly wife of Thos. Hadley) and others.	4. Katherine Deynes of St. Martin's parish. Richard Bawde of St. Giles's parish. [This latter name has been crossed through and a note added: "Quia non irrotulatur ibidem nisi pars inde." (Because it is not enrolled there unless part is gone thence)]. 4. Roger Barker, of St. James's parish. Richd. Balsham, of St. Botolph's parish. 14. Simon Hadley, of St. Botolph's parish. 20. Richd. Bawde, of St. Giles's parish. John Prentys, fuller, of St. Martin's parish.
Dorse of Folio 82 (lxx.) **1427-8.** BAILIFFS: SIMON MATE. THOS. OSKYN.	3. Robt. Lavyn of Bergholte Sakvyle (Bergholt Sackville). Thos. Heerde of Gt. Totham. John Berreve of Gt. Bentley. Thos. Turnour of Wikham Market. John Wade of Burstalle, Suffolk. Richd. Baille of Boston in le Rode, co. Lincoln. 14. Wm. Persoun of Ely, Cambs. 26. Thos. Preston of Preston, Kent.	3. Release of Joan Pebemerssh, made to Katherine, who was wife of John Lylye, mercer, and others. 18. Lease of a stall for sale of leather (pro corio vendendo) made to Wm. Barker. Annual rent, 20d. 30. Deed of John Goode, an executor of Andrew Danell's will, made to Wm. Mate and others. Deed of John Plomer, of New Hythe, to John Auntrous and others, with a certain acquittance enrolled.	14. Edmund Rysby, of New Hythe. 22. John Pake, barber, of All Saints' parish. 26. Nicholas Creek, of St. Peter's parish. 30. John Taseler, of St. Peter's parish. Richd. Rykkys, of St. Andrew's, Grynstede. 32. Thos. Wellys, of St. St. James's parish.
Folio 83 (lxxi). **1428-9.** BAILIFFS: JOHN BECHE. ROBERT SELBY.	2, extra. Thos. Reyland of Ardllegh. Wm. Hethe of Saxham, Suffolk. Adam Kyllere of Gt. Bentlegh. Robt. Spence of Norwich. Thos. Lakynghethe of Cokefelde, Suffolk (Cockfield). Edmund Goldyng of Sudbury. 3, infra. John London of Berdefeld Magna (Gt. Bardfield). Clement Cowpere of Bredefeld, Suffolk (Bradfield). John Carter, mercer, of Lavenham. Wm. Rokeland of Culfco, Suffolk (Culpho). Thos. Sayer of Foxheerde (Foxearth).	5, infra. Deed of Thos. Palfreyman of Colchester, and Sabina, his wife, made to Wm. Horneby and others. 11, extra. Deed of Isabel, who was wiie of John Rykedon of Horkislegh, made to Robt. Cok, jun., of Colchester, and others. 22. Deed of Peter Cok of Colchester, made to John Beche, senior, John Cook, draper, and others. 34. Deed of Henry Downe and Constance, his wife, made to Wm. Cook, plumber, and Margaret, his wife, and others. 34. Deed of John Taselere, citizen, and grocer of London, made to John Pynxton, Thos. Graunger, and Richd. Taselere, together with release of Margaret, wife of the same John Taselere.	4, infra. Andrew Bovyle of St. Runwald's parish. 34. Wm. Rodelond of St. Botolph's parish.

* Sometimes given as Godeleva.

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	Robt. Ufton of Bolsover, co. Derby. 7. John Trenchmer, born at Erpyngham (Erpingham), Norfolk. 24. John Sharper, born at Wyvenhoo. Thos. Gilberd, born at Hyntelissham (Hintlesham), Suffolk. * Alexander Northen, born at Dedham.		
Dorse of Folio 83 (lxxi.)		25, infra. Release of Isabel, who was wife of Thos. Cok of Colchester, and afterwards wife of John Rykedon of Horkeslegh, made to Robt. Cok, jun., of Colchester, and Henry Bosse and others. 37, infra. Deed of John Martyn, sen., John Myldewell, and Wm. Gasewey of Colchester, made to Thomas Godstone, Esquire, and others. Deed of John Wryghte, parson of St. James's church, Colchester, made to Thomas Godston, Esquire, and others. Indenture of John Werkwode, "wodere" (woodman) of Colchester, made to John Martyn, sen., and Alianore his wife. 37, extra. Release of William Bakere, son of Thos. Bakere, fuller, of Colchester, made to Thos. Godston, Esquire, and the aforesaid Thos. Bakere. Release of John Martyn, sen., of Colchester, made to Thomas Godston, Esquire, and Thos. Bakere, fuller, of Colchester. Deed of Thomas Godston, Esquire, of Colchester, and Thos. Baker, fuller, made to Wm. Cambregge, citizen and grocer of London, John Beche of Colchester, and others.	35, extra, Alex. Erpyngham, of All Saints' parish.
1429-30. BAILIFFS: Thos. Godston. John Beche.	4, infra. Wm. Chilton, born at Clare, Suffolk. John Mot, born at Thorp in la Sokene. Wm. Andrew, born at Aldham, Essex. Wm. Gardyner, born at Maldon. Wm. Berneston, born at Wrottyng, Suffolk (Wratting). Robt. Halle, born at Elmestede. John Heydon, born at Aldham, Suffolk. Walter Godfrey, born at Cokefeld, Suffolk (Cockfield).		
Folio 84 (lxxii.) (At the top left-hand corner of this page is a note in the writing of the 16th Century: — "M[emorandum] for Dycks housse.")	Thomas Goode of Farham (Farnham), Surrey. John Doy of Combys (Combs), Suffolk. Richd. Damery of Eyston (Easton), Essex. John Edryth of Clakton. Richd. Sperlyng of Stokeneylond. John Braybrook of St. Osyth.	9, extra. Deed of Robt. Palmere and John Prentys, chaplain, made to Thomas Godston, John Mouncy and others. 17, extra. Writing of release of John Ronge and Joan, his wife, and William Stroode and Joan, his wife, of Colchester, made to John Prentys, alias Lawsell, of Cornheerde, Suffolk (Cornard). 18, infra. Deed of Peter Smyth and Matilda, his wife, and others, of Colchester, made to John Olyver and Joan, his wife, and others. Lease to John Bulcote of Colchester of a parcel of vacant land or ground (terre sive fundi) in All Saints' parish, namely between the wall of earth (murum terreum) of the Rector of All Saints,	4, extra. Robt. Fuller, of St. Giles's parish. 17, infra. Roger Cherchemen, of St. James's parish.

* Great Grandfather of the famous Dr. William Gilberd.

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	Robt. Furnays of Castilton(Castleton), co. Derby. John Hall of Elmestede. 8, infra. Robt. Creffelde of Fordham, Essex.	on the east, and John Kymberle's tenement on the west. In length 59 feet standard measure towards the north and 63 feet standard measure towards the south, and in width 70 feet by rule at the east end, and 63 feet by rule the west end. To make and build thereon houses and tenements, etc., as more fully appears in a certain deed thereon made. Annual rent 10s. in silver, always at Hokeday. Lease to Richd. Bryd of Colchester of a parcel of vacant land outside the North Gate near the stone wall of the town on the west side of the gate aforesaid. In length 93 feet pauline, and in width from the wall aforesaid to the lane called Balkerne lane, at the east end 16 feet pauline, and at the west end 13 feet pauline. Whereon a house is lately built by licence of the Bailiffs and consent of the commonalty. Annual rent 4d. in silver at Hokeday.	
Dorse of Folio 84 (lxxii.) [The numbering on the parchment folios ceases after this page.]		24. Deed of release of William Frost, son and heir of Roger Frost of Boxstede, made to Lawrence Neve of Colchester, fletcher. 36, infra. Deed of Thos. Southam, citizen and grocer of London, and Sabina his wife, made to Thos. Mildewell of Colchester, John Mildewell of Colchester, John Baron of Coggeshale, and John Trewe of Colchester. 36, extra. Deed of Lawrence Neve, of Colchester, fletcher, made to John Auntrous, John Beche, sen., and others. Deed of Roger Podeney and Katherine his wife, John Lambherde, Wm. Northawe of Colchester, and Wm. Whitere of Great Horkeslegh, made to John Salove of Walton, Wm. Downne, baker, of Colchester, and John Ferour, of Walton. 37, infra. Deed of Edmund Haverland or Colchester, made to Roger Drory, Knight, of Suffolk, Walter Clopton, Knight, Thomas Godston, and others. Deed of Thos. Fraunceys, John Atte Foorde and others, made to Ellen (who was wife of Geoffrey Brokhull, Knight), Thomas Godston, and others.	
1430-1. BAILIFFS: HENRY BOSSE. JOHN TREWE. *Folio* 85.	3. infra. Richd. Pays, alias Walpooll, of Walpoll, Suffolk (Walpole.) Thos. Clynghoo of St. Osyth. Wm. Norton of Wickham Poules (Wickham St. Paul). John Randolf of Hechcham (Hitcham), Suffolk. Wm. Potter of Wickham Brook Suffolk. Laurence Stalam of Wichyngham (Witchingham) Norfolk. Thos. atte Hoo of Holand, Essex. John Lak of Whepstede, Suffolk. John Page of Halstede. John Canon of Henxworth (Hinxworth), Herts.	43, extra. Deed of Robt. Awdymer and Joan his wife, and others, made to Thomas Gaveney and others. 4, extra. Deed of Walter Belcham and Alice, his wife, formerly wife of John Joyer of Lexden, made to Richd. Withermerssh, Esquire, and others his co-feoffees. 10, extra. Writing obligatory of John Meller of Colchester, "sherman" (shearman), and Margaret, his wife, made to Robt. Selby of Colchester. 13, extra. Deed of Richd. Tanner, formerly sexton (sacristarii) of St. Botolph's church in the suburb of Colchester, John Pyk, fuller, of the same [town], and Joan, his wife, formerly wife of Austin Sayer of Colchester, made to John Downe, baker, of Colchester. Deed of John Lowys and Avice, his wife, made to John Sewhale, John Cherch and Robt. Deth of Colchester. 20, infra. Arbitration and award of the Supervisors of lands and tenements in the town of Colchester, made between William Kyng, of the one part, and Robt. Hadlegh, of the other part, together with a recognisance of the same parties.	20, infra. Robt. Dyche of St. Nicholas' parish. 32. Edmund Haverland, of Colchester.

BURGESSES.

Wm. Newton of Fordham.
Thos. Sauter of Thaxstede.
Alex. Hampton of Fyngryngho.
Thos. Sebryght of Earls Colne.
John Noreys of Bryghtlyngsey.
Adam Roper of Lalleford (Lawford).
John Passelewe of Bottesham (Bottisham), Cambs.
Ralph Clerk of East Mersey.
John Theyr of Dedham.
3, extra. John Callyng of Stratissele (Stradishall), Suffolk.
Wm. Kyller of Ardelegh.
John Grene, "pedder" (pedlar), of Wympooll (Wimpole), Cambs.
John Co of Broxforde Pedder, Suffolk (pedlar, of Brockford, Suffolk).
John Beye of Hadlegh.
John Munte of Bromley.
John Russell of Guldefoord (Guildford), Surrey.
John Stone of Little Bromley.
John Brook of Boxford.
Wm. Sax of Fakenham, Suffolk.
Robt. Deynes of Sudbury.
8, infra. Thos. Pycher of Codenham (Coddenham), of Suffolk.
John Hale of Stystede.
13, extra. Thomas Merssh, of Cretyng All Saints, Suffolk.
19, extra, William Wolwyk, of Wolwyk (?Woolley) co. York.

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Dorse of Folio 85.

33. Deed of Joan Stonham, daughter and heir of John Stonham of Colchester, made to John Beche sen., and other co-feoffees.
34. Writing of release of John Segrave of Colchester, made to Andrew Dawtrey of Up Waltham, Surrey.
Writing of release of Andrew Dawtrey of Upwaltham, made to John Segrave of Colchester.
40. Writing of release of John Gurdon, clerk, made to William Wikham, an executor of Robt. Gurdon, father of John aforesaid.
Writing of release of John Gurdon, clerk, made to Wm. Notyngham, John Pod, and Wm. Wikham, executors of Margaret Gurdon, mother of John Gurdon.

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1431-2. BAILIFFS: JOHN BECHE. ROBT. PRYOUR.	3, extra. John Peverell born at Staneway. Roger Hoberd, b. at Debenham, Suffolk. Wm. Colsweyn b. at Debenham. John Balle, b. at Wyvenho. Wm. Wattes, b at Leyr de Hay (Layer de lal Haye.) Robt. Meller b. at Lavenham. John Aunger, b. at Clakton parva (Little Clacton.) John Andrew of Stokeneylond. Henry Bole, b. at Alsford, Suffolk (? meant for Alresford, Essex.) Roger Londene of Fowlenesse (Foulness.)	4, extra. Deed of William Coggeshale of Chilton hamelette of Clare, Suffolk, and Emma his wife, daughter and heir of Juliana, late wife of Alex. Sprot, citizen and vintner of London, made to Richard Kirkeby of Hetheryngham (Hedingham), Essex, John Prymerole of Colchester, and others. 10, extra. Deed of John Halle, fuller, of East Street, Colchester, and Emma his wife, formerly wife of William atte Brook, late of Colchester, made to Wm. Morell and others. 14, extra. Writing of release to John Newland, son of Simon Newland, of Colchester, made to Henry Bosse and others. 24, extra. Five writings obligatory of Robt. Abraham of Akenham, Suffolk, "husbondman," made to Thos. Godston of Colchester. Recognisance of Robert Awdymer made to John Wellys*, mayor, London. 26, extra. Deed of Thomas Godston, Esquire, made to John Pervys, Thos. Walsyngham, and Thos. Merssh, citizens of London.	6, infra. Roger Northey of St. Botolph's parish.
Folio 86.	25, extra. John Boltehood, born at Stistede.	Writing of release of Thos. Merssh, made to John Pervys and Thos. Walsingham. Writing of release of Philip Mannok, Thos. Graunger, of Coggeshale, and Thos. Merssh, made to Thos. Godston, Esquire.	28, extra. John Dyer, merchant, of St. Peter's parish. 32, extra. William Pyrye, of St. Runwald's parish.
1432-3. BAILIFFS: HENRY BOSSE. JOHN STEVENE.	3, infra and extra. John Godston, born at Godston, Surrey. Richd. Copsheff, born at Coggeshale. John Rede, born at Branktre, Essex (Braintree). Anselm Hichecock, born at Bury, Suffolk. Simon Reyne, born at Branktre (Braintree). John Knokke, born at Wikham Brook, Suffolk (Wickhambrook). 8, infra. Thos. Meke, born at Brydlyngton, Yorks. 10, extra. John Flecher, born at Dedham. 15, infra. John Ilsent, born at Alsforde, Essex (Alresford). 27. Nicholas Waleys, born at Burwell, Kent.	13, infra. Writing of release of Lawrence Neve, fletcher, of Colchester, made to Gilbert Hunte, of Ardelegh. 18, extra. Deed of Richd. Withersmerssh, Philip Mannok, and others, made to Philip Gasewey, Agnes, his wife, and others. Indenture of the aforesaid Richard and Philip made to the same William and Agnes. 19, extra. Deed of Joan, formerly wife of Roger Kirketon, of Colchester, made to John Doreward, Esquire, John Depyng, Prior of St. Botolph, and others. 31, infra. Deed of John Smyth of Stokeneylond, and Alianore his wife (formerly wife of John Martyn) and others. Acquittance of Matthew Sayer of Fordham, made to John Marler of Kelvedon, and John Stevene of Elmstede.	3, infra and extra. Richd. Rede, of St. Martin's parish. 14, infra. Wm. Notyngham, of St. Runwald's parish. 20, extra. Richd. Botysford, of Colchester.
Dorse of Folio 86.	4. Wm. Floret. b at Tatyngston (Tattingstone, Suffolk.) James Cook, b. at Bradfeld, Essex. Richd. Welde, b at Stratford, Suffolk. Robt. Dod, b. at Werineford (Warenford), Northumberland.	4. Constitutions, Provisions, and Ordinances made for the keeping and maintenance of Wyrestret. 22. Writing of release of Nicholas Peke and Katherine his wife, daughter of John and Cristina Cristyon. Deed of Roger Podney and Thos. Colchestre made to Thomas Auntrous and Agnes his wife, of a fish stall, &c. Deed of Roger Podney and Katherine his wife, late wife of Thos. Chercheman, formerly of Colchester, made to Thomas Syred, glover, Matilda, his wife, and others.	19. Richd. Wylegh of St. Botolph's parish. Thomas Colchestre. Last Roll (Rotulo ultimo). Administration of the goods of John Hervy, who died intestate entrusted (commissa) to certain persons.
1433-4. BAILIFFS: JOHN BECHE. ROBT. PRYOUR.			

* John Wellis or Welles was Lord Mayor of London, 1431-2.

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	Nicholas Rolff, b. at Prytewel (Prittlewell.) John Westbrom, b. at Wethirden (Wetherden), Suffolk. John Kyngeston, b. at Grenewych, Kent Thos. Fuller, born at Aldeham. Essex. 12. Richard Ram b. at Dedham.	25. Writing of release of Robt. Smyth and Marion, his wife, made to Wm. Moygne, clerk, John Kempe, chaplain, Wm. Lambherde, and John Swayn. 31. Deed of John Romayn and Cristina, his wife, made to Robt. Crane, John Onnger, sen., and others. Deed of John Stevene, Richd. Wythermerssh, John Mildewell, and John Prymerole, made to Thos. Oskyn, Geoffrey Rokell, Esquire, John Carter, sen., and Roger Oskyn. Writing of release of Nicholas Peke, and Katherine, his wife, daughter and heir of John Crystyon and Cristina, his wife, made to [Thomas] Oskyn, Geoffrey Rokell, Esquire, John Carter, and Roger Oskyn.	
1434-5. BAILIFFS : SIMON MATE. THOS. OSKYN.		3. Writing of release of John Denychangre, citizen and peltmonger, of London, and Joan, his wife, daughter of Wm. Notyngham, sen., of Colchester, made to John Stevene, John Trewe, John Ronge (or Rouge), and John Prymerole. 7. Deed of Robt. Spark of St. Osyth, and Joan, his wife, daughter and heir of John Deth, made to Simon Mate and others. 12. Deed of John Hunte atte Umfreys, of Ardelegh, and Margaret, his wife, daughter and heir of John Deth, late of Peldon, made to Simon Mate, John Peverell, sen., and others.	
Folio 87.	3. John Mersey, born at Lynton, Cambs. John Porter, born at Chelysworth (Chelsworth), Suffolk. John Gerveys, jun., of Bylston (Bilston), Suffolk. Thos. Gervays, of Bylston. John Sewhale, born at Thoryngton. Henry Frethman, born at Ardlegh. Thos. Feelde, born at Thetford. Thos. Tynte, born at East Bergholte. Wm. Manwode, born at Alfeton (Alpheton), Suffolk. John Burgoyne, born at Fulbourne (Fulbourn), Cambs. Jas. Gosfeeld, born at Ardlegh. 31. Peter Upchar, born at Withermondford (Wormingford) John Baron, born at Lyse (Liss), Hampshire. John Jacob of Bryghtlyngsey. John Nicoll of Maydeston, Kent.		
1435-6. BAILIFFS : ROBERT SELBY. WALTER BONEFEY.	3. John Crowle of Tryngham, Bucks, having his origin there (suum trahens originem). Richd. Fer of Reed, Herts.	16, extra. Lease to John Odelysho and Cristina, his wife, of a plot of vacant land in St. Peter's parish, on the north of the tenement late Robt. Gurdon's, and Margaret his wife's. Rent 12d. a year, to the term of twenty years. 27, infra. Writing of release of Thos. Marchaunt of Colchester, and Beatrice, his wife, together with	26. Robert Abraham of St. Botolph's parish.

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	John Huntyngdon of Chestre. John Hill, turner, of Clakton. John Water of Leyham (Layham), Suffolk. Jas. Chapman of Debenham, Thos. Debenham of Stokeneylond.	a recognisance of the same Beatrice, made to Anselm Hichecok and Isabel, his wife, and others. 14. Writing of release of John Romayn and Cristina, his wife, formerly wife of Simon Hadley, of Colchester, and executrix of the will of the same Simon, made to Richd. Hayll, of Colchester, and Joan, his wife, daughter of the aforesaid Simon. 30. Writing of release of John Drewe of Colchester and Ellen, his wife, daughter and heir of Henry Bosse, made to John Hunte de Bosco, senior, and others. Writing of release of John and Ellen Drewe, aforesaid, made to Agnes (who was wife of Henry Bosse), and others.	
Dorse of Folio 87. **1436-7.** BAILIFFS; JOHN TREWE. JOHN ROUGE (or RONGE.)	3. John Frere of Felstede b. at Terlyng. Simon Langton, b. at Thorp, Leicestershire. Wm. Petteworth, clerk, b. at Petteworth (Petworth), Sussex. Godfrey Cole, born in in the town of Colnesey (or Coluesey), Suffolk (probably South Cove or Covehithe.) 11. John Appulton, b. at Waldyngfield Parva, Suffolk.	3. Deed of Wm. Sencler of St. Osyth, Esquire, John Saundre, John Bradlee, Wm. Saundre, and Thos. Stokke, made to John Foorde, sen., and others. 30. Deed of Thos. Asteley and Isabel, his wife, together with recognisance of the same Isabel, made to John Beche. 32. Lease of a plot of vacant land at New Hythe to Thos. Smyth, merchant, of Colchester. Annual rent 4d. at Easter and Michaelmas. For a term of 60 years. Surrender of a tenement formerly William Dyche's, re-seised by the Bailiffs, etc. Lease of a site of vacant land at Eldeland, made to John Bordemale, etc. Annual rent 6d.	3. John Grove, rector of St. Martin, Colchester. Thos. Auntrous of New Hythe. 16. John Carter, sen. of New Hythe. John Tanner of St. Botolph's parish. 20. John Pod, sen., merchant.
Folio 88.		5. Lease of a plot of vacant land lying without Head Gate, under the stone wall, to John Chapman, smith, and Alice, his wife. Annual rent 14d.	
1437-8. BAILIFFS: JOHN BECHE. WALTER BONEFEY.	4. Thos. Wode, merchant b. at Blakaueton (Blackawton), Devon. John Badecok, b. at Aburton (Abberton). John Andrew, alias Horndom, b. at Thaxsted. Walter Hamond, b at Peldon. John Hye, smith, b. at Rulvenden (Rolvenden, Kent). John Mentyll, b. at Hadley. John Tydyr, b. at Wygorn (Worcester). Thos. Belle of Glapthorn (Northants), born [there ?]. John Draper of Ludlow, born [there ?]. Thos. Medew, b. at Ipswich. Wm. Person, fuller, b. at Aburton (Abberton). 18. Richd. Garton, b. at Brunton, Yorks (? Brunton, Northumberland).	3. Deed of John Olyver and Joan, his wife, made to Kebbull and others, of tenements in "Seint Eleyne Strete." 13. Inspection of land and tenement of Reginald Ewyn and Stephen Kempe in Southgate Street made by the Inspectors of this kind of lands and tenements and damages of the same between street and street. 20. Lease of a certain encroachment made to Richard Walpole near his tenement at East Bridge. Rent 6d. a year at Hokeday.	32. John Cherche of St. Leonard's parish, the Hythe, Colchester.
Dorse of Folio 88.	5. Thos. Kymbyrley born at Kymberle, Norfolk.	5. Writing of release of William Norton and Marion his wife, made to Robt. Large and Wm. Petworth and others.	6. Richd. Chambyrlayn. Agnes Kyng.

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1438-9. BAILIFFS: THOS. OSKYN. ROBT. SILBY.	NicholasBloy ofHethyngham (Hedingham). Thos. Walpool, b. at Brokkeshed (Broxted ?). John Kyde, born at Manchestre, Lancs. John Baley, born at Ipswich. John Blowere, b. at Hatfeld Peverell. Matthew Hunte, b. at East Bergholte. Henry Pake, b. at Alsford (Alresford). John Bole, b. at Alsford, Roger Stanard, b. at Bongey (Bungay). Nich. Bradle, b. at Wyssyngsete (Wissett, Suffolk). John Bryght, b. at Clakton. Walter Gyles, b. at Aldham. John Brook, b. at Dedham. 19. William Lecche, b. at Ayneho (Aynho), Northants. Wm. Polsted of Cogeshale.	19. Writing of release of William Godston made to John Godston. 29. Writing of release of Thos. Dore of Pensherste (Penshurst) and Isabel, his wife, made to John Wykle, Thos. Stancer, and others.	
Folio 89.	3. John Grenemere, born at Benale (Benhall), Suffolk.	10. Deed of John Olyver and Joan, his wife, with recognisance of the said Joan, made to John Andrew, cordwainer, and others.	15. John Fordham of St. James's parish.
1439-40. BAILIFFS: WALTER BONEFEY. JOHN OFE.	George Hervy, b, at Cornherde parva (Little Cornard). Wm. Werkman, b. at Bures St. Mary. Robt. Smyth, b. at Horkeslegh. Nich. Lane, b. at Neylond. Wm. Hyne, b. at Sudbury. Robt. Marchaunt, b. at Peldon.	12. Deed of John Clerk, jun., and Joan, his wife, with recognisance of the said Joan, made to Richd. Barkere, of Colchester, fuller. 18. Writing of release of Thos. Jakelot and Idonea, his wife, made to Thos. Sent and others, with a certain surrender of rent of the aforesaid Thos. Jakelot. Deed of John Upclam and Joan, his wife, made to Robt. Sylby and others. 19. Deed of John Goode and Anne, his wife, made to John Teye, Esquire, John Brook, and others. 21. Deed of William Mayhew and Joan, his wife, made to Peter Berewyk, and others. 25 John Heyward surrendered a tenement, formerly Clement Aungevyn's, at the west gate of Colchester Castle, to the use of John Ronge (or Rouge) and others. Per virgam, for the service due and accustomed, namely 2d. at the usual terms. 27. Deed of Walter Gyles and Cristina, his wife, with a recognisance of the said Cristina, made to John Trewe and others. Deed of Walter Gyles and Cristina, his wife, with recognisance of the said Cristina, made to John Nevard and others. 29. Deed of Thos. Goode and Anne, his wife, with recognisance by the said Anne, made to Robt. Large and others.	
Dorse of Folio 89.		Writing of release of Robt. Sent and Agatha, his wife, with recognisance of the said Agatha, made to Thos. Cent (*sic*) and others. 3. Lease to John Ronge (or Rouge) and others of a parcel of land lately belonging to the tenement of "Bergholtes" at the west end of the said	

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		John Ronge's tenement, in Weststokwel Street, in length 41 rods from the end of Ronge's tenement to the west, and in width, from the south side to the north, 30 rods. Rent, 15d. at Michaelmas. Lease to Henry Wygore and others of a parcel of land belonging to the tenement of "Bergholtes" at the west end of his tenement in Weststokwel Street, 41 rods in length from the end of his tenement towards the west, and in width, from south to north, 26 rods. Rent at Michaelmas, 13d.	
1440-1. BAILIFFS: JOHN BECHE. ROBT. PRYOUR.	3. John Cokerell, born at Eston (Easton), Suffolk. Matthew Whyter, born at Horkeslegh. John Hyne, born at Sudbury. John Pole, born at Wynchestre. Robt. Gete, born at Langtoft, Lincs. Thos. Sparrowe, born at Hyngham Sibile (Sible Hedingham). Wm. Dewhole b. at Multon (Moulton), Suffolk Robt. Pollard b. at Mertok (Martock), Somerset. John Barker b. at Polsted, Suffolk. Thos. Sherde b. at Stokford, Cheshire. Richd. Bekyrton b. at Thetford, Norfolk. Nich. Peke b. at Laggham(Layham), Suffolk.	19. Writing of release of John Skylman, made to Roger Perkyn. 13, extra. Writing of release of Richd. Walpool and Margaret, his wife, made to Wm. Petworth and others. 1. Deed of Stephen Kemp and Joan, his wife, made to Thos. Fuller and others.	20. Walter Bovesey.
Folio 90. **1441-2.** BAILIFFS: JOHN TREWE, JOHN RONGE (or ROUGE).	2, extra. Simon Weston b. in Neuton (Newton), Suffolk. John Sweyn, b. at Maldon. John Hacche b. at Stokeneyland. John Campyon b. at Hytching (Hitchin), Herts. Wm. Sylvester b. at Bosforth(Boxford?). John Werkman b. at Bures. 3. John Myldeward b. at Rodewey(? Radway). Thos. Hyntelysham b. at Bures. Thos. Calbras b. at Snetesham (Snettisham, Norfolk). Robt. Kyller b. at Bentelegh. John Straket. b. at Estyrford (Easterford). Richd. Thurkgld b. at Wykhambroke (Wickhambrook). Wm. Bryde b. at Fyngrynghoe.	3. Writing of release of Nich. Peeke and Katherine, his wife, made to Robt. Sylby. 10. Deed of John Sayer of Colchester, son of Matthew Sayer of Fordham, and of Joan his wife, made to John Bolton, clerk, and others. Deed of William Persoun, jun., and Joan, his wife, and others, made to Thos. Wode, merchant, John Sayer, "sherman" (shearman), Joan his wife, and others. 16. Writing of annual rent of five marks made by John Beche, to Agnes, formerly wife of John Glemesford, Esquire.	6. Peter Frytheman of St. James's parish.

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	Walter Moyse b. at Tendryng. John Sewhale, "sherman," (shearman.) John Rawmedewe, b. at Edwarton (? Edwardstone.) John Cook, cordwainer, b at Mistelegh (Mistley.) John Welymot, b. at Cales (Calais?) 7. John Glesene of Aspelstonham (Stonham Aspall, Suffolk.)		
Dorse of Folio 90. **1442-3.** BAILIFFS: JOHN BECHE. NICHOLAS PEEKE.	3. John Thomas, b. at Melford. John Malton, b. at Skepton (Skipton), Yorks. Thomas Averey, b. at Atherbury, Oxon (? Astbury or Attleborough.) Geoffrey Jeneyof Hye Estren (High Easter.) John Drewe, b. at Norwich. Wm. Marche b. at Westhenyfeld, Suffolk (Westerfield ?) John Stede, b. at Nedham Market. John Foote b. atWest Wrottyng, Cambs (West Wratting). John Asshman, b. at Thorp, Essex. John Bakere, weaver, b. at Estberghelte (East Bergholt.) Thos. Peverell, ditto. Wm. Peverell, ditto. Wm. Peverell, jun., ditto.	5. Deed of Thos. Mullyng and Joan his wife, made to Robt. Braybeef, John Prymerole, and others named in the deed aforesaid. Lease of a garden next "the punfold" (the pound) of the town of Colchester, made to John Bulcote. Annual rent 12d. for a term of 20 years. 17. Lease of a parcel of land between the barn (orreum) of John Clerk and the garden lately let to John Bulcote, and to Robt. Hyntelysham and Catherine, his wife, in fee farm. Annual rent 22d. 18. Writing of grant and confirmation of John Ermond of Neyland and Agnes, his wife, daughter of John Cherche of New Hythe, made to Roger Wyk, John Davy, tailor, Thos. Baker, and Thos. Warner.	19. Robt. Priour of St. Runwald's parish.
Folio 91 **1443-4.** BAILIFFS: JOHN RONGE (or ROUGE.) THOS. CENT.	3. John Clerk b. at Hyntelysham. Laurence Hobelot b. at East Bergholt. John Feryn of Colchester. Thos. Squyer b. at Lalleford (Lawford). John Stutte, tiler, b. at Feryng. Thomas Cook, jun. of London. Wm. Crudde, b. at Bentelegh. Laurence Denne, b. at Runton. 9. John Tabeler, b. at Keston.	9. Deed of Robt. Cook, baker, of Colchester, and Joan, his wife, made to John Odelyshoo, William Persoun, sen., and others. 22. Indenture made between John Auntrous of Colchester, merchant, of the one part, and Thos. Osekyn, Robt. Deynes, John Huntyngdon, John Heyward, sen., and William Carter, of the other part.	17. Elias Baker.
Dorse of Folio 91 **1444-5.** JOHN BECHE. NICH. PEEKE.	4. John Mundy, b. at Lalleford (Lawford). Richd. Wheler, b. at Cogeshale. John Wryghte, b. at Neylond.	4. Writing of release of John Trewe, merchant, and Isabel, his wife, made to John Bakere of Colchester, fuller. 11. Writing of release of John Valent of Colchester, and Beatrice, his wife, made to Wm. Munde and John Odelyshoo.	11. Wm. Wykham of St. Botolph's parish.

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	Wm. Notyngham, b. at Kenynghaм (Kenninghall), Norfolk. Roger Morell, b. at Melford. Thos. Russell, b. at Coggeshale. Thos. Curteys, b. at Kerseye, Suffolk. John Blakbak, b. at Norwich. John Hamond, b. at Peldon. Seman Whytefote, b. at Honyngham, Norfolk (Honingham). Richd. Bryan, b. at Waldyngfeld, Suffolk (Waldingfield). Robt. Baldewyn, b. at Aston, Suffolk. Nicholas de Bryche, b. at Brych (Birch), Essex. Henry Ram, b. at Dedham. Robt. Thursk, b. at Alderton, Yorks. John Nicole, b. at Halsted. 14. Wm. Parke, b. at Horkeslegh. 18. Walter Geffrey b. at Tyteshale (either Tittleshall or Tivetshall), Norfolk.	20. Deed of Wm. Chopyn and Margaret, his wife (daughter of John Stephene, late of Colchester), John Byllyng and John Gyrton of St. Albans, made to John Swayn, merchant, John Carter, and others. 20. Writing of release of John Cook of Colchester, draper, and Joan, his wife, and William Colchestre, made to John Foul and Wm. Persoun, sen. Writing of release of Agnes Auntrous made to John Auntrous. Another writing of the same Agnes to the said John. Another to the said John Auntrous and John Beche and others. Another to the said John of a fish-stall in the market. 237C 21. Deed of the same Agnes made to Margaret and Agnes, daughters of the said John Auntrous. 24. Deed of John Baroun and Dionysia, his wife, to John Byshop, of Southwold, and John Auntrous and William Saxe.	
Folio 92.		26. Deed of Simon Mate made to Thos. Rolf, John Symond, John de Teye, John Beche and others, 38. Deed of Alianore (formerly wife of Simon Mate) and John Beche, made to John Horndon and Wm. Smyth, barker. Letter of attorney of the said Alianore made to John Page and John Mentill.	
1445-6. BAILIFFS: THOMAS OSEKYN. THOMAS ATTE WODE. And whereas the aforesaid Thomas Osekyn died on the Monday next afterMichaelmas, JOHN BECHE was elected in his place and name for Bailiff and colleague to the aforesaid Thomas atte Wode, according to the custom of the town.	3. Robt. Saxeby, born at Spalding, Lincs. Wm. Norman, born at Tunsted, Norfolk (Tunstead). Thomas Hunte, born at Preston, Suffolk. John Drory, jun., born at Wyvenhoo. John Drory, sen., born at Wyvenhoo. John Baker, turner, born at Stonelangthorp (Stow Langtoft, Suffolk). Richard Fitz, born at Swerdys, Ireland (Swords, near Dublin). John Miles, plumber, born at Melton. Roger Purtepet. 8. John Wryght, born at Cavendyssh. John Crudde, born at Great Bentley.	3. Deed of John Aleyn made to William Smyth, barker, and Margaret, his wife, and others. 8. Deed of Wm. Carter, of Wyvenhoo, executor of the will of John Carter, sen., of New Hythe, made to John Auntrous and Eilen, his wife, and others. Deed of John Aleyn, Thos. Woode and others, made to Thos Basset, John Beche, and others.	

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Dorse of Folio 92. N THIS SAME YEAR CAME HENRY VI. TO COLCHESTER ON THE 5TH AUGUST.	11. Giles Baron, born a Shotele (Shotley.)	21. Writing of obligation with condition, made to John Salman, mercer, of London, by William Pyllebergh. 25. Writing of release of John Bateman, of Colchester, and Joan, his wife, daughter and heir of Simon Mate, made to John Beche. Indented deed of John Beche made to John Bateman and Joan, his wife, daughter and heir of Simon Mate. Writing of release of John Bateman and Joan, his wife, daughter and heir of Simon Mate, made to John Horndon. Writing of release of William Smyth of Colchester, barker, executor of the will of Simon Mate, made to John Horndon. 26. Writing of release of John Bāteman and Joan his wife, daughter and heir of Simon Mate, made to John Bryg, John Bretoun, and others. Deed of John Watre and Joan, his wife, made to Robt. Ruste, Richard Wythermerssh, and others. Deed of Wm. Pyllebergh and Agnes, his wife, made to Richd. Parker.	
1446-7. BAILIFFS: ROBT. SILBY. ROGER WYK.	3. John Newlond, b. at Neylond. John Chelestre, b. at Wythyngton (Withington). Wm. Buk, b. at Stratford. Nich. Joye, b. at Estorip (Easthorpe). Richd. Dykeman, b. at Holton. Robt. Curteys, b. at Leyre (Layer). Nich. Cratoun, b. at Hadlegh John Rede, b. at Wykham Scayte (Wickham Skeith, Suffolk). Roger Lytewyn, b. at Kyrkeby (Kirby). John Cley, b. at Coggeshale. Richd. Taylour, b. at Hogynton (?Hughenden). John Waryn, b. at Long Melford. Wm. Sagore, b. at Clakton. Henry Foote, b. at Wrottyng (Wratting). Arnold William, b. at Gowe (? Goole). John Cristemas, b. at Helmyngham. Simon Tynte, for his re-instatement (pro renovacione sua). Robt. Wodecok.	3. Deed made to Ralph Bole.	
Folio 93.	5. John Turnour, b. at Wykham. John Potard, b. at Bentelegh.	12. Deed of Agnes Auntrous made to John Auntrous, her son. 23. Deed of Robt. Cook, baker, and Joan his wife made to John Dober and John Whyter. Writing of release of John Sewhale, jun., mercer, and Joan, his wife, made to John Peverell, sen., and John Tyale of Stanewey (Stanway).	9. John Clerke of St. Nicholas' parish. 10. John Thursteyn, medius, of Milend. 23. Richd. Beche of HolyTrinity parish.

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		Deed of Thos. Feeld and Joan, his wife, Richd. Sperlyng, and Henry Feeld, made to Robt. Cely, William Gant, and others.	
1447-8. FFS: JOHN BECHE. JOHN RONGE.	3. Robt. Hoton, born at Werton (Warton), Lancs. Wm. Aylemere, born at Pulham, Norfolk. Wm. Rede, sherman, born at Benerlaco (Benacre?) John Vertue, born at Bokkyng (Bocking.) John Lyteljohn, born at Salcote. Thos. Halke, born at Stoke Neyland. 4. Edmund Fuller, dyer, born at Sudbury.	9. Writing of Thos. Fuller made to William Fuller and others. Deed of Thos. Fuller and Joan, his wife, made to William Fuller, John Soman and others. 9. Deed of John Edryth, John Wheler, and John Heyward, made to Robt. Spens and Robert Beeste. Deed of Alice (who was wife of John Pod, sen.), Robt. Silby, and others, made to Anne, wife of John Grene, citizen and goldsmith of London, late wife of Andrew Taseler. Deed of John Bateman and Joan, his wife, made to John Trewe and others.	4. Austin Bonefaunt, merchant. 9. William Kyng, of Colchester. Joan, late wife of Clement Comber. 12. John Bysshop, parson of Mistelegh (Mistley), church.
Dorse o Folio 93.		16. Deed of John Badcok, of Aburton (Abberton). and Alice, his wife, made to Edmund Fuller, dyer, and others. Deed of Thos. Fuller, merchant, and others, made to Thos. Godfrey, tailor. Deed of John Smyth, shipman, and Margaret, his wife, made to Peter Beredeyk. 22. Writing of John Turnour, merchant, made to Thomas Braunche, clerk, and John Brook. Arbitration of William, Abbot of the Monastery of St. John, Colchester, and Thomas atte Wode, merchant, between John Foot of the one part, and John Woode, goldsmith, and Katherine, late wife of Robt. Seburgh, of the other part. Writing of release of Katherine, who was wife of John Seburgh, &c., and of John Woode, goldsmith, made to Roger Wik, William Sax, John Crouley, and others.	22. John Trewe, sen.
1448-9. BAILIFFS: ROBT. SILBY. ROGER WYK.	3. John Spryng, born at Kyrkeby (Kirby). William Overman, of Burnham Depedale. John Cratoun, born at Hadlegh. John Rolf, born at Little Waltham. John Boteler, born at Erles Colne. Wm. Leveson, born at Aldham. John Bryg, born at Louthe. 4. Thos. Martyn, born at Lakynghethe. 13. Thos. Denys, born at Brosele (Broseley).	10. Deed of Matilda Resshe and others, made to Edmund Fuller, dyer, and Margaret, his wife, and others. Deed of John Strut, tiler, and Alice, his wife, made to John Boteler, mercer, and others. Deed of John Foot and Joan, his wife, and others, made to William Foorde and others. Writing of release of Robt. Silby, John Odelyshoo, and others, made to Matilda, late wife of John Resshe and others.	10. Thomas Bakere, East Street.
Folio 94.		22. Deed of William Gant and Richd. Barker, made to Robt. Spaldyng and Katherine, his wife, and others. Writing of release of John Boteler, mercer, and Alice, his wife, made to Robt. Spaldyng, and Katherine, his wife, and others. Writing of release of John Prymerole and Dionysia, his wife, made to Robt. Spaldyng and Katherine, his wife, and others. Deed of William Gant, and Richd. Barker, made to John Boteler, mercer, and Alice, his wife, and others. Writing of release of John Prymerole and Dionysia, his wife, made to John Boteler, mercer, and Alice, his wife, and others.	

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		Writing of release of Robt. Spaldyng and Katherine, his wife, made to John Boteler, mercer, and Alice, his wife. 23. Deed of William Gant and Richd. Barker made to John Prymerole and Dionysia, his wife, and others. Writing of release of Robt. Spaldyng and Katherine, his wife, made to John Prymerole and Dionysia, his wife, and others. Writing of release of John Boteler, mercer, and Alice, his wife, made to the same. Deed of John Prymerole and Dionysia, his wife, and others, made to Ellen Pakke.	
1449-50. BAILIFFS: NICHOLAS PEKE. THOS. ATTE WODE. In this same year JOHN CADE made an insurrection in Kent.	3. Matthew Drury, b. at Stratbrook (Stradbroke), Suffolk. John Smalpece, b. at Henham, Essex. Wm. Chesteyn, b. at Coggeshale. John Parys, b. at Walton, Essex. John Bacon, b. at Coggeshale. John Chilton, b. at Clare, Suffolk. John Goday, b. at Coggeshale.	3, extra. Deed of Simon Mate, of Colchester, made to Henry de Bourchier, Lord of Bourchier, John Doreward, and others, with condition endorsed at back of the same deed. Writing of release of Henry, Earl of Ewe and Viscount de Bourchier, John Doreward, and Thomas Knyvet, made to Geoffrey Rokell, Esquire, and Henry Stampe. Deed of John de St. Edmund, tailor, (parmentarius) and Agnes, his wife, made to Lyving, son of Pake Michelot of Colchester, and Juliana his wife. 16, infra. Writing obligatory of Thomas Sancer, Margaret, his wife, John Wrighte, gentleman, and John Thomas, made to John Bradlegh, with indenture of defeasance of the same writing.	4, infra. Simon Mate of Colchester.
Dorse of Folio 94. **1450-1.** BAILIFFS: WM. LECCHE. WM. SAXE.	3. Richard Hervy, b. at Ardeleye.	5, extra. Deed of John Swayn of Maldon and Matilda, his wife, made to Henry Wyles, clerk, of Colchester. 14, infra. Deen of Wm. Pepyr, fuller, Agnes, his wife, Richd. Haill, dyer, Matthew Hunte, cordwainer, and Nicholas Davy of Colchester, made to John Heir, butcher, Joan, his wife, and others. Writing of Anne Erpyngham made to William Bele. 14, extra. Deed of John Aunger, Joan, his wife, John Wheler of Colchester, John Hill, Richd. Onger, and Wm. Woderowe, made to John Birch, Richd. Whithermerssh, and Roger Hobeird of Colchester. Letter of John, Duke of Norfolk, addressed to William Lecche one of the Bailiffs of Colchester, and the notable Burgesses (et notabilibus Burgensibus) of the said town, by William Saxe (per Willielmo Saxe). 22, extra. Deed of John Cristemesse, Margaret, his wife, and others, made to John Sewhale, senior, shearman, and others. 24, extra. Writing of release of Lawrence Den and Cecilia, his wife, made to William Person, sen., and Henry Cobbe. 30, infra. Deed of John Snow, Joan, his wife, and others, made to Roger Bolt, Wm. Bolt, and others.	
1451-2. BAILIFFS: JOHN FOORDE. JOHN BAKER.	2, extra. Thomas Dystere, b. at Lavenham. Wm. Bal, b. at Wyvenhoo. Richd. Louthe, b. at Barnet, Middlesex. John Devynshire, b. at Hertford. 3, infra. Thos. Clayson, b. at Barge in Holland. Richd. Plomer, b. at Bliburgh (Blythburgh).	4, extra. Writing of release of Geoffrey Rokell and Matilda, his wife, made to Wm. Smyth. 7, infra. Deed of John Horndon, Joan, his wife, and others, made to John Hollewold and Walter Panymer. Deed of John Hollewold and Walter Panymer, made to John Horndon, Joan, his wife, and others. 14, extra. Writing of release of Joan, relict of Thos. West of Sudbury, and others.	5, infra. John Davy, dyer. 13, extra. John Savey.

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	Wm. Volantyn, b. at Little Bentley. Wm. Somersete, b. at Wodebregge (Woodbridge). Stephen Campyon, b. at Playford. John Roser, b. at Wedirden (Wetherden). Robt. Knaresburgh b. at Bratoft (Braytoft, Lincs.) John Aldham b. at Feryng. 8, extra. John Damery b. at Thaxtede. 11, extra. Thos. Kersey b. at Bury St. Edmund's.		
Folio 95.	20, extra. Roger Wapoun, b. at Pystre (Pettistree), Suffolk. 21, extra. Admission of John Feryn to his burgess-ship.	16, infra. Writing of release of William Clerk of Stratford, made to John Colman, of Hadleye, and others. 18, infra. Deed of John Onger, Joan, his wife, and others, made to John Birch and others. 18, extra. Arbitration made between Lawrence Hobelot and John Assheman, and Agnes, his wife, concerning an enclosure or boundary (de una clausura sive meta) between the said Lawrence Hobelot's garden, and the said John Assheman's garden. Deed of William Person, sen., and John Trumpyngton, made to Wm. Foorde and others. 24, extra. Writing of Wm. Cook, plumber, made to William, Abbot of St. John, Colchester, and others. 25, infra. Agreement (conventio) made between Robt. Boteler and Richd. Stanton. 28, infra. Deed of Thos. Hunte, sen., weaver, and others, made to John Gooday, fuller, and others. Writing release of John Gooday, fuller, Isabel, his wife, and others, made to Richd. Wythermerssh and others.	15, extra. Cristina, late wife of Wm. Bonefaunt. 16, extra. John Odelyshoo.
1452-3. BAILIFFS: THOS. ATTE WODE. WILLIAM SAXE.	3, infra. John Cros, b. at Wederisfeld, Suffolk (Wethersfield) Henry Feelde, b. at Carbrook, Suffolk (Carbrooke, near Watton in Norfolk). Thomas Wro, b. at Sheryngton (Sharrington) Norfolk Wm. Fer, b. at Reed, Herts. Robt. Austyn, b. at Yingiaiberdlaundrel, Essex (Butsbury*), Essex. Thos. Synger alias Wakefield, b. at Lavenham 3, extra. John Sergeant, b. at Westdepyng (West Deeping) Lancs. John Everard b. at Tolshunte.	9, infra. Writing of release of Thos. Kymberle, made to Wm. Foorde, John Foorde, and others. 9, extra. Recognisance of Richard Ferier, made to the Chamberlain of the town. 19, extra. Writing of release of John Savey, son and heir of John Savey of Colchester, made to Isabel, his mother, and others.	

* Butsbury or Buttsbury, in West Essex, 6½ miles S.W. of Chelmsford. The Manor of Blunts in this parish was known as=Ginges-joiberd, Ginge-laundri, and Ginge-joiberd-laundri. In Domesday the name of Butsbury is Cinga.

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	Wm. Wylymet, b. at Leghes Magna (Gt. Leighs), Essex. Richd. Welde, b. at Gt. Horkesley. Stephen Clerk, b. at Asseby, Lancs. (? Asby, Westmorland). Wm. atte Hil, b. at Felmysham (Felmersham), Beds. Richd. Marchall, b. at Hyntlesham (Hintlesham), Suffolk. John Frend, b. at Bures St. Mary. 4, infra. John Bowden, b. at Holverton, Devon. John Berewyk, b. at Gt. Waddingfield. 5, infra. Aylwin de Bergh, b. at Holand. 6, extra. John Lytewyn, b. at Kirkeby (Kirby).		
Dorse of Folio 95.		21, infra. Writing of release of Wm. Auncoll, Edward Raaf, Richd. Fulmeston, John Savey, and Isabel his wife, made to John Wrighte, gentleman, and John Horndon. 24, extra. Deed indented of John Weston and Alianore his wife, made to Wm. Foorde of Colchester. Deed of Thos. Feelde, Joan, his wife, and John Shymmyng of Colchester, made to Henry Felde, Alice, his wife, and others. 25, extra. Writing of John Smyth and Margaret, his wife, made to John Berewyk, John Horndon, and Richd. Welde.	23, extra. Agnes Marche, who was wife of Thos. Auntrous, formerly of Colchester.
1453-4. BAILIFFS: John Foorde. Wm. Petteworth.	2, extra. Ralph Bole, born at Bedford. Wm. Sonde, born at Great Horkesley Robt. Birlyngham, born at Watelisham (Wattisham, Suffolk.) John Stevene, born at Ramsey. Wm. Bolt, born at Norwich. 16, extra. John Bishop, born at Southbourne.	6, extra. Deed of John Benyt and Margaret, his wife, made to John Eyr and others. 10, infra. Deed of Thomas Cent and Marion, his wife, made to William, Abbot of St. John, Colchester, Sir Thomas Tirell, Knight, and others. 10, extra. Deed of Thomas Whiteng and Katherine, his wife, and others, made to Roger Wapon and others. 11, extra. Deed of Roger Wapon and Joan, his wife, and others, made to Richard Wythermerssh and others. 17, extra. Deed of Thomas Cent and Marion, his wife, made to John Bisshop and others.	
Folio 96.		21, infra. Writing of release of John Restard and Dionysia, his wife, made to John Eyr and others.	18, extra. John Andrewe, cordwainer.
1454-5. BAILIFFS: Wm. Foorde. John Sayer.	2, extra. John Camoyle, born at Ipswich. Peter Herryson, born in Brabaun (Brabant). John Neal, born at Stokeferye (Stoke Ferry, Norfolk). John Taylour b. at Norwich. Thos. Polly b. at Alphamston.	3, infra. Writing of release of Peter Berewyk and Agnes, his wife, made to John Bokenhill. 3, extra. Deed of William Persoun, junior, and Joan, his wife, made to Wm. Bette and others. Deed of Wm. Bette and others made to William Persoun and wife. 4, infra. Deed of John Mentill, fuller, and Joan his wife, made to Seman Youn and others. 6, infra. Indenture of William Resoun made to Richd. Pakke, weaver. 8, extra. Writing of general acquittance of Matilda Chambyrleyn, daughter and heir of Richd. Chambyrleyn, made to Thos. Lecche.	

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	John Merveyn b. at Wasshebrook. John Preston b. at Durdrect (Dordrecht?). John Abell b. at Coggeshale. Richd. Halke b. at Stokeneyland. Robt. Wenden b. at Bures. John Dexter b. at Wedyrden (Wetherden). 5, extra. John Wymbyssh b. at Bures. Robt. Page b. at Aldham. 6, infra. John Gooday, b. at Neuton, Suffolk. Thomas Boleyn b. at Gt. Birch. John Lem b. at Crostewyte, Norfolk (Crostwight). 13, extra. John Norman b. at Wynterton (Winterton, Norfolk).	Writing of release of Matilda Chambyrleyn made to Wm. Smyth, barker, and others. Deed of Thomas Lecche relative (consanguinei) and next heir of William Lecche, made to William, Abbot of St. John, Colchester, and others. Writing of release of Matilda Chambyrleyn made to the said Abbot and others. 10, infra. Writing of release of John Blakhalle, citizen and mercer of London, and Joan, his wife, made to Richd. Wythermerssh and others.	
Dorse of Folio 96.	15, infra. Thos. Welles of Melford. 18, extra. John Acher, b. at Aselby, Lincs. (?Aylesby, Lincs.) 26, extra. Richd. Martyn b. at Melford, 28, extra. John Stanard, b. at Bongey (Bungay).	25, extra. Letter testimonial (littera testimonialis) of William, Abbot of St. John, Colchester, John, Abbot of S. Osyth, Thomas, Prior of St. Botolph, Colchester, Wm. Lecche and William Saxe, Bailiffs of the town, for Ralph Holte, Esquire. 29, extra. Deed of John Bradle and Katherine, his wife, and others, made to John Raumdewe and Alice, his wife, and others. 33, infra. Deed of William Hethe and Margaret, his wife, and others, made to Edmund Shipman and Katherine, his wife, and others.	20, infra. Wm. Fuller, of St. Botolph' parish. Thomas Mildewelle. 21, infra and extra. Robert Silby. 22, extra. John Cokerell, sen., of New Hythe.
1455-6. BAILIFFS: Wm. Saxe. Seman Youn.	2, extra. John Stoneham, smith, b. at Hadlegh. John Elot, b. at St. Osyth. Walter Coubregge, b. at Bristowe. 4, extra. Richd. Pernell, b. at Debynham. Robt. Downyng, b. at Hertest (Hartest). 5, extra, John Astelegh, b. at Brendewode (Brentwood). 10, extra. Thos. Warde, b. at Tetishale (? Tittleshall, or Tivetshall).	3, infra. Deed of William atte Sonde, weaver, and Dionysia, his wife, and others, made to John Martyn, Robt. Martyn, and others. 4, extra. Deed of William Smyth, barker, and Margaret, his wife, and others, made to William Skempe and Margery, his wife, and others, with a certain indenture made upon the same deed. 7, infra. Deed of John Hornedon and Joan his wife, and others, made to William Rede, shearman, and others. 13, infra. Deed of Thomas Feelde and Joan, his wife, and others, with a certain indenture on that deed, made to Thomas Wellys of Melleford (Melford) Suffolk, and others. 16, infra. Writing of release of John Neuport and Alice, his wife, who was wife of William Prentys, made to William Walworth, Thos. Hervy, Laurence Hobelot, and Thos. Fylde, with four acquittances made to the same. Deed of Thos. Feelde and Joan, his wife, and others made to John Roser and others.	
Folio 97.	19, extra. John Noke, b. at Earls Colne.	17, extra. Deed of John Colyn and Sarah, his wife, and others, made to Sir Thos. Fyndern, Knight, William Colyn, and others. Arbitration of the Supervisors of Lands and Tenements in Colchester, made between John Mendham of the one part and John and James Hubert of the other part.	22, infra. John Prymerole, of St. Nicholas' parish.

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		18. extra. Arbitration of the Supervisors of Lands and Tenements, in Colchester, made between Robt. Saxeby, of the one part, and Wm. Edon, of the other part. 22. extra. A like arbitration between Thos. Mynton, and John Baker, citizen and mercer of London. 26. extra. Deed of John Sergeant, smith, and Cristina, his wife, and others, made to Wm. Lokke and others. 27, extra. Deed of John Grenehill and Isabel, his wife, formerly wife of John Savey, made to John Taseler, clerk. Writing of release of John and Isabel Grenehill to Taseler. 28. extra. Deed of John Sonde and Margaret, his wife, and others, made to John Baron, Richd. Barker, Robt. Braibief, and others.	
1456-7. LIFFS: OHN FOERDE. OHN BECHE. aforesaid JOHN ECHE died on the igil of SS. Peter and aul, and in his place as elected WILLIAM AXE.	2, extra. John Wright, born at Hoghton, North., (Houghton). 11, infra. Robt. Talbon, born at Melford, Suffolk. 19, infra. John Grenehill, born at Chyshill, Essex (Chishall). John Baker, born at Dedham.	7, extra. Deed of John Clement, tailor, and Alice, his wife, and others, made to Richd. Wryght, Wm. Bury, and others. 13, extra. Arbitration of the Supervisors of Lands and Tenements in Colchester, made between John Vykery and Lawrence Hobelot. 14, infra. Deed of John Fen, senior, of Shellegh (Shelley), and Katherine, his wife, and others, made to William Buk, and others. 16, infra. Writing of release of Nicholas Floret, alias Lok, of Canterbury, made to Simon Parker and others. 16, extra. Writing of acquitance of Nicholas Floret made to Thos. Floret. The like made to Robert Pope. 18, infra. Lease to John Raumedewe of a plot of land, lately vacant, now built upon, late John Taseler's, next the stone wall of the town. Per virgam. Annual rent, 8d. Surrender by John Raumedewe of the said plot to the use of John Payn. Same rent, payable at Hokeday. Deed of William Wheler and Alice, his wife, and others, made to William Wro, clerk, and others.	
Dorse of Folio 97.		19, extra. Letter testimonial of Henry Stampe, John Greton, Wm. Halle, Matthew Symons, and John Burgh. Writing of release of John Stephene, son and heir of John Stephene, late of Elmystede, made to Richd. Withermerssh. 21, extra. Arbitration of the Supervisors of Lands and Tenements in Colchester, made between John Eye, smith, and John Flyngaunt. 25, extra. Election of William Saxe, [as] one of the Bailiffs, in place of John Beche, deceased.	21, infra. John Pod, of the parish of St. Mary-at-the-Walls (Beate Marie ad muros).
1457-8. AILIFFS: WILLIAM SAXE. JOHN SAYER.	2, infra. John Hollewold, born at Coggeshale. Wm. Bonefant, born at Crolond (Crowland). John Sonde, born at Horkeslegh. John Freman, born at Newcastell. John Parker, born at Bures St. Mary. John Dyng, born at Barlyng (Barling, Essex). John Hergest, born at Maunsell (? Mansel). 2, extra. John Reve b. at Waltham.	14. Election of JOHN MARTYN, as one of the SERGEANTS-AT-MACE of the Town in place of John Malton, deceased. 15, infra. Deed of Robert Spaldyng, Katherine, his wife, and others, made to John Aldham, Joan, his wife, and others. Deed of Walter Oldhalle, Anne, his wife (late wife of Lawrence Templer),, and others, made to Wm. Smyth, of New Hythe, and others. 27, extra. Deed of William Norton, Marion, his wife, and others, made to John Potter, weaver, and others. 30, infra. Indented writing of Roger Litewyn, Joan, his wife, and others, made to John Auntrous, concerning a rent of 10d. Indented writing of John Holme, Olive, his wife, and others, made to John Auntrous, concerning a rent of 12d. 29, infra. Thomas Cent surrendered to the use of Richd. Welde and others a plot of land with	27, extra. Walter Ramyssen, of Colchester.

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	Wm. Martyn b. at Naseby. Richd. Clerk b. at Lewys (Lewes). John Laurence b. at Withermondforth (Wormingford). 4, extra. John Baron b. at Terlyng. John Arnold alias Peryngton. John Burton b. at Rediswell (Ridgwell). 20, infra. William Fen born at Stoke by Nayland.	houses built thereon, late Simon Whyte's, opposite St. Helen's Chapel, in Maydenburgh Street. Also a tenement with its appurtenances, in St. Nicholas' parish, in the same street, opposite the door of the tenement belonging to the Chapel. Per virgam. Annual rent 16d. at Hokeday.	
Folio 98. **1458-9.** BAILIFFS : JOHN FOORDE. MATTHEW DRURY.	2, extra. Richd. Sporn b. at Witham. Wm. Watirfall b. at Thaxted. John Calver b. at Walsyngham. John of Dalton b. at North Kelsey, Lincs. Robt. Park, b. at Leyre Breton. Wm. Gamday, b. at Brantham, Suffolk. John Gossefeld, b. at Ardelegh. John Mayden, b. at St. Osyth. 6 extra. John Marchall, b. at York. 9, extra. John Hereward, b. at Gesthorp (Gestingthorpe).	8, infra. Deed of Wm. Smyth, merchant, Margaret, his wife, and others, made to Walter Gyles, Margaret, his wife, and others. 13, extra. Deed of William Helder, weaver, Mary, his wife, and John Everard, of Colchester, made to Thos. Gate of Rocheford, and others. 16, extra. Lease to Simon Baldewyn, John Hogon, and others, of a tenement at the west gate of Colchester Castle. Per virgam. Annual rent 2d. at Hokeday. 18, infra. Deed of John Watre, Joan, his wife, and John Horndon of Colchester, made to Richd. Whithirmerssh, gentleman, and others. 21, extra. Deed of Richd. Borham, John Ode, clerk, and Adam de Colne of Colchester, made to Robt. Beche of Colchester, clerk, and Joan his wife.	
1459-1460. BAILIFFS : WM. PETTEWORTH. WM. FOORDE.	2, extra. Thomas Hegge, b. at Shipdam, Norfolk. Richd. Hoton, b. at Chichestre. John Gamday, b. at Catywade, Suffolk (Cattawade). Wm. Dale, b. at West Wikham, Cambs. John Wayte, b. at Earls Colne. James Water, b. at London. Richd. Killer, alias Richd. Carter, b at Markes Teye. Thos. Heye, b. at Maideston, Kent.		
Dorse of Folio 98.	3, infra. John Clerk, b. at Lyes Magna (Gt. Leighs). 6, infra. John Hogon, b. at Preston, Suffolk.	3, infra. Deed of Edmund Fuller, dyer, Margaret, his wife, and others, made to Richd. Killer, alias Richd. Carter of Tolleshunte Boys, Agnes (who was wife of Robt. Pecok of Colchester, butcher) and others. 4, extra. Deed of John Levyngton, Alice, his wife, and others, made to Master (Domino) Robert Lardyner, clerk, Rector of St. Mary-at-the-Walls, Colchester, and others. 6, extra. Writing of release of John Hunte, and Margaret, his wife, daughter and heir of John Dethe, son and heir of Chestenia* (Chestenie) Deth, an heir (unius heredis) of Giles Smyth of	13, infra. William Smyth, barker, of Colchester.

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		Felsted, made to John Wright, gentleman, Thos. Hermer, clerk, and Henry Bedford. 7, extra. Writing of release of Geoffrey Doryvall of Ardelegh, Joan, his wife, daughter and heir of John Dethe, son and heir of Chestenia* (Chestenie), an heir of Giles Smyth, of Felsted, made to the same parties. 10, extra. Letter of Attorney of Thos. Lecche of Wytham, Essex, dyer, made to Thos. Cook, citizen and alderman of London. Deed of Thos. Averey of Colchester, carpenter, Agnes, his wife (late wife of John Canoun, draper), and others, made to Adam Balshawe, clerk, and others. 21, infra. Deed of William Norton, Marion, his wife, and others, made to John Potter, weaver, and others. 24, infra, Deed of William Norton, dyer, of Colchester, and Marion, his wife, and others, made to Richd. Heynes and others. 24, infra. Simon Baldewyn, John Hogon, John Camvile, saddler, and Richd. Louthe, surrendered a tenement, at the west gate of Colchester Castle, to the use of John Calver, Agnes, his wife, and others. Per virgam. Annual rent 2d. at Hokeday. 24, extra. Grant of an annual rent of 8 marks (£4 16s.) by John Horndon, Joan, his wife, and others, by their indented writing, made to John Hollewold for the term of his life.	
1460-1. BAILIFFS: MATTHEW DRURY. JOHN BARON.	2, infra. John Derby, b. at Dedham. Lawrence Matheu b. at Brekenoke, Wales (Brecknock). John Sexteyn alias John Ayldre b. at Ersham (Aylsham), Norfolk. Geoffrey Taylour b. at Norwich. John Sturge b. at Brightlyngsey.		
Folio 99.		9, extra. Deed of William Aylleme re and Margaret, his wife, made to John Botiller, tailor, and others. 15, infra. Deed of John Premerole made to John Mot, Helen, his wife, and others. 15, extra. Deed of Thos. Wode, merchant, of Colchester, made to William, Abbot of St. John, Colchester, and others. Writing of release of Wm. Duke and Alice, his wife, made to the aforesaid Abbot, and others. Deed of John Huntyngdon and Katherine, his wife, made to John Sonde, Margaret, his wife, and others. Deed of John Sonde and his wife, made to Richd. Welde and others. 18, extra. Deed of John Raumedwe and Alice, his wife, made to Robt. Freman, fuller, and others. 25, extra. Deed of Thos. Bussh and Joan, his wife, made to Roger Samspsun (*sic*) and others.	
1461-2. BAILIFFS: WILLIAM FOORDE. JOHN SEMAN.		11, extra. Deed of Richd. Brian and Joan, his wife, and others, made to John Wymer, Agnes, his wife, and others. 12, infra. Writing of Robt. Austyn, of Colchester, made to Thos. and Richd. Cristemesse, of all his goods and chattels. 15, infra. Deed of Wm. Skempe and Margery, his wife, and others, made to John Shipman, William Foorde, and others.	24, infra. Thomas Ruffle of Colchester, woodman (wodere). 25, extra. John Sayer, of Colchester, shearman (sherman).

* An unusual name, perhaps meant for Christina.

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		19, infra. Writing of Henry Bedford of Colchester, gentleman, made to Alice his wife, John Algood, junior, and Richard, son to the aforesaid Henry, of all his goods. 21, infra. Deed of John Lalleford, brasier, and Agnes, his wife, of Colchester (Colchestre*), made to John Janyn, alias John Gawge, citizen and grocer of London, and others. 23, infra. Writing of Thomas Wotton of Colchester, made to Ellen, his wife, and others, of all his goods and chattels. 25, infra. Deed of John Heyward, cordwainer, Isabel, his wife, and others, made to Thos. Hobelot of Colchester, and others.	
Dorse of Folio 99.		26, extra. Deed of Peter Berewyk and Agnes, his wife, made to Richd. Plomer and Margaret, his wife. 28, infra. Writing of release of John Cristofre, made to William Doreward, Esquire, Thomas Drakes, and others. 28, extra. Writing of release of Thomas Dister of Colchester, and Margaret, his wife, and others, made to John Water, Wm. Rede, shearman, and others.	
1462-3. BAILIFFS: JOHN FOORDE. JOHN WATER.	2, infra. Richd. Ayston b. at Bury St. Edmund's. John Tendryng, b. at Badewe parva. (Little Baddow). Wm. Hanteyn, b. at East Bergholt. John Hervy, b. at Stanewey. John Tyler, b. at Earls Colne. Thomas Jopson, b. at Heslyngton (?Heslington, Yorks.). John Seman, b. at Stoke-by-Nayland.	4, infra. Deed of William Norton, of Colchester, and Marion, his wife, relative (consanguinee) and heir of Margaret Fordham, made to Thos. Ruffle, of Colchester. 12, infra. Deed of John Osberne and Joan, his wife, made to John Hawelle and others. 15, extra. Deed of Robert Sayer, Joan, his wife, and others, made to John Raumedwe, Alice, his wife, and others. 23, extra. Deed of John Seman, Alice, his wife, and others, made to Ralph Audele, of Earls Colne, and John Bayle, butcher, of Colchester. 26, extra. Deed of John Sonde, Margaret, his wife, and others, made to Thomas Braunche, clerk, and others.	20, infra. John Baker fuller, of Colchester.
1463-4. BAILIFFS: WM. SMYTH. JOHN BISSHOP. *Folio* 100.	1, extra. Thos. Yonge, b. at Bury St. Edmund's. John Ruffle, b. at Great Horkeslegh. John Vertue, jun., b. at Witham. Ralph Bertelot, b. at Hethyngham ad Castrum (Castle Hedingham). 9, infra. Thos. Cobbe, b. at Fordham. 10, infra. Wm. Blakbourne, b. at Bury St. Edmund's. 13, infra. Geoffrey Pycard, b. at Otle (Otley, Suffolk). 15, infra. John Debenham, b. at Ratlysden (Rattlesden, Suffolk). 26, extra. Wm. Oldehalle. b. at Earls Colne.	13, infra. Discharge (exoneracio) of JOHN BERDEFELD, late one of the SERGEANTS-AT-MACE, from his office, because, among other things, he was disobedient to the Bailiffs; and election of a new Sergeant in his place. 13, infra. Deed of John Sonde, alias Carter, Margaret, his wife, and others, made to Thos. Hobelot and others. 18, infra. Indented writing of William Moor, clerk, Robt. Priour, and others, made to Thomas Fraunceys, alias Thomas Brasyer. 19, infra. Deed of William Bonfaunt, mercer, Margaret, his wife, and others, made to John Wymer and John West. 20, extra. Deed of John Doraunt, Matilda, his wife, and others, made to Roger Bone and others. 31, infra. Writing of John Fuller, clerk, made to John Shipman and Margaret, his wife. 32, extra. Deed of John Burre, mariner, of New Hythe and Edmund Spakeman of Weyuho, made to Christina, wife of John Burre aforesaid, and others.	31, extra. John Faconer, of Neylond (Nayland).
1464-5. BAILIFFS: JOHN WRIGHTE. WM. REDE.	2, infra. George Dukworth, b. at Blakborne.	4, infra. Deed of John Breton, Esquire, and Katherine, his wife, and Thomas Sent, made to Richard Norton, chaplain.	

* Colchestre. Employed here instead of the Latinised form "Colcestria." The spelling "Colchester" had not yet come into regular use.

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	John Thursk, b. at Beverle (Beverley). Robt. Barker, b. at Eye.	7, extra. Deed of Simon Fordham and John Newman, clerk, of Colchester, made to Wm. Glasewryghte of Colchester.	
Dorse of Folio 100.	15, infra. John Skeet, b. at London. 35, infra. John Whitefoot, b. at Stokeby-Nayland. 36, extra. Edmund Martyn, b. at Parnedon (Parndon).	32, extra. Deed of John Cokerell and Emmot his wife (late wife of Nicholas Cratoun of "Colchestre"), and others, made to Wm. Volantyn, John Stede, and others. 36, infra. Lease to Thomas Banastre, rector of Holy Trinity, of a tenement, with its appurtenances situate, by the churchyard, for a Rectory. Per virgam ad voluntatem, according to custom, &c. 38, infra. Deed of John Auntrous of Colchester, merchant, Ellen, his wife, and others, made to Walter Giles, Richd. Plomer, and Thos. Jobson. 49, infra. Writing of John Algood, sen., and Elianore, his wife, made to Joan Algood of Colchester.	
1465-6. BAILIFFS; Wm. Foorde. William Smyth.	2, infra. Peter Warner, b. at Kirkeby Kendale, Lancs., (? Kendal, Westmorland). Stephen Wante, b. at Prytewell (Prittlewell). John Janyver, b. at High Easter. 4, infra. Edmund Hermanson, b. in Brabant. 11, extra. Thomas Clerk, clerk, b. at Stamford.	13, extra. Deed of John Sonde, Margery, his wife, and others, made to Rose, wife of John Wrighte, brewer, and others. Deed of Wm. Hunte, Margaret, his wife, and others, made to Joan, late wife of Richd. Bryd of Colchester, and others. Deed of John Hewett and Christina, his wife, and others, made to John Martyn, summoner (somenour), and others. 19, extra. Writing of Wm. Godfrey of Colchester, made to Robt. Barker, concerning grant of his goods and chattels, with a certain indenture thereon. 23, infra, Deed of John Lak and Joan, his wife, made to Nicholas Clere and others. 23, extra. Deed of Thomas Foult, weaver, and Anne, his wife, made to Edmund Staunsour and others.	
Folio 101.	37, extra. Richard Markes, b. at Latton, Essex (Leyton). John Shute, b. at Credeton, Devon (Crediton).	25, extra. Deed of Geoffrey Rokell, Esquire, and others, made to Thos. Osekyn of Colchester, and others. Deed of Master Thomas Duffeld, clerk, made to John Wrighte and others.	
1466-7. BAILIFFS: John Wrighte. John Foorde.	2, extra. John Rokell, b. in Normandy. John Swayn, butcher, b. at Hunden (Hundon). Raphael Vanett, b. in London. John Newman, b. at Gt. Bentley. 3, infra. John Ferner, b. at Lavenham. Wm. Steyke, b. at Leyton. 17, infra. John Person, b. at Walton.	16, extra. Deed of Roger Litewyn and Joan, his wife, and Thomas Pilryme of Colchester, made to Henry Teryngton and others. 20, infra. Lease to John Beche of a vacant plot of land late in the tenure of Christina Odelyshoo. To hold during his lifetime, per virgam; annual rent, 12d. 22, extra. Writing of Raphael Vanett, made to John Humfleys, of all his goods and chattels. 27, extra. Deed of John Sonde, weaver, and Margery, his wife, and others, made to Richd. Pernell, dyer, and others. 26, extra. Writing of Thomas Clynghoo, made to Thos. Hobelot and Richd. Louthe, of all his goods and chattels. 27, extra. Writing of release of Raphael Vanett, Joan, his wife, and others, made to John Ody and John Umflas. 28, extra. Deed of John Smyth, of Stratford, and Joan, his wife, daughter and heir of Wm. Person of Colchester, made to Richd. Parker and John Parker. Deed of John Ramscom and Idanea (sic), his wife, late wife of Wm. Peretre, daughter and heir of Alice, who was daughter of Isabel Gosse, formerly wife of Wm. Gosse of St. Giles's	16, extra. Richd. Barker of St. Martin's parish. 28, extra. Wm. Bonefaunt, senior, of "Colchestre."

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		parish, Colchester, made to John Bertelot and others. 30, infra. Indented deed of John Algood, sen., and Eleanor, his wife, made to Wm. Foorde and others. 27, infra. Writing obligatory of Thos. Sancer, etc., made to Wm. Smyth, etc.	
Dorse of Folio 101. **1467-8.** BAILIFFS : RICHARD WELDE. RICHARD PARKER.	2, infra. John Ody, b. at West Wykham (West Wycombe). Thos. Kechyn, b. at Parham. Thos. Norman, b. at Ryngelond (Ringland, Norfolk). Thomas Borne, b. at Stanfeld(Stainfield). John Upchar, b. at Wythermundford (Wormingford). John Bryon, b. at Neylond. John Grene, butcher, b. at Hadenham. Richd. Hervy, b. at Stanewey (Stanway). John Godewyn, b. at Feversham. John Capon, b. at Halsted. John Cokerell, b. at Horkeslegh Magna.	8, extra. Deed of Henry Purpyt, Margaret, his wife, and others, made to Richd. Cristemesse and others. Deed of John Cok, Alice, his wife, and others, made to John Serich, mercer, and others. 14, infra. Deed of Robt. Sayer and Joan, his wife, made to William Colchestre and others. 17, extra, Writing of release of Roger Mepall, Agnes, his wife, and others, made to John Balsham. 18, extra. Deed of Joan (late wife of John Cook, draper) and others, made to Robt. Rokewode, Agnes, his wife, and others. 21, extra. Writing release of Roger Ponder, Christina, his wife, John Kendale, Alice, his wife, John Flegge, and Joan, his wife, made to Wm. Foorde and others. 37, extra. Letter of attorney of Roger Mortymer, son of David Mortymer, Esquire, made to the same David and others. 20, infra. Lease to James Walter and Marion, his wife, of a parcel of vacant land on the west of the tavern held by the said James and Marion Walter, opposite St. Nicholas Church, Colchester. Per virgam. Annual rent 4d., at Hokeday. 27, infra. Lease to John Dowe of a garden late in the tenure of John Langthorn. Per virgam. Annual rent 9d. at Hokeday. 29, infra. Grant and licence to John Bakere, draper, to build an entrance, &c. (introitum, &c.), over (desuper) the King's highway at the back of his tenement. Per virgam. Annual rent 1d. at Hokeday.	
Folio 102. **1468-9.** BAILIFFS : WILLIAM FOORDE. JOHN BISSHOP.	2, extra. Wm. Derby, b. at Dedham. John Ladman, alias John Baker, b. at St. Osyth. Wm. Gosfeld, b. at Ardeley. Richd. Malk, b. at Sbotley. Thos. Martyn, b. at Norwich. 29, extra. John Wroo, b. at Blakeney [Norfolk].	13, infra. Writing of Richd. Pepyr, late of Hengham, Norfolk (Hingham), yeoman, made to John Conyers, Esquire, and others, concerning gift of his goods and chattels. Deed of John Temyot, sen., Isabel, his wife, and others, made to Wm. Frith, of Wiggebebergh Magna (Gt. Wigborough), Essex, and others. 25, infra. Deed of Thos. Ocle, Margery, his wife, and others, made to John Templer and others. 30, infra. Deed of Nicholas Medewe and Alice, his wife, made to John Miche. 32, extra. Lease to Thomas Boorne and Rose, his wife, of a parcel of land on the North side of the stone wall of the town of Colchester, by the gate called "le Southsherd." Per virgam. Annual rent 4d., at Hokeday. 38, infra. Deed of John Levyngton, Alice, his wife, and others, made to Wm. Hanley, clerk, and others. Lease to Wm. Gamday, of Colchester, of a parcel of land lying without the North Gate of the town on the South side of Balkerne Lane. Per virgam. Annual rent 12d., at Hokeday.	
1469-70. BAILIFFS : THOMAS SMYTH. JOHN BOTELER.	2, infra. John Chapman, b. at Ardeley. John Oker, b. at Edwardeston (Edwardstone). Wm. Norton, b. at Leycetre (Leicester).		

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Dorse of Folio 102.	3, extra. Restitution of Richard Dykeman and John Janyn, late Chamberlains of the town of Colchester, to their liberty, which they lost for offences, as there appears. 6, infra. John Chirchehawe, jun., b. at Dedham. 8, extra. Robt. Nicoll, b. at Bures ad Montem (Mount Bures).	2, extra. Deed of Wm. Bonefaunt, jun., Olive, his wife, and others, made to Thos. Kyrkeby and others. 6, infra. Writing of release of John Neulond and Margaret, his wife, made to Richd. Halke and others. 8, extra. Writing of John Vertue, sen., made to John Holbeine, clerk, and others. 13, infra. Lease to John Mannying, cooper, of a vacant plot of land lying on the South side of the stone wall of the town of Colchester. Per virgam. Annual rent 2d., at Hokeday. 20, infra. Deed of John Grenehill and others, made to John Janyn and others, "de lez almessehousez, nuper Johis Savey" (of the almshouses, late John Savey's). 23, extra. Arbitration of the Supervisors of Lands and Tenements in Colchester, made between Thos. Urswyk, of London, and Walter Gyles, concerning and over the sustentation of two gutters between the tenements of the parties aforesaid, at New Hythe.	
	30, infra. Robt. Reynham, b. at Stoke Neyland.	26, infra. Writing of William Fennell, made to John Capon. 30, extra. Deed of Richard le Straunge, Esquire and Mary, his wife, made to Richard Cristemesse and others.	
1470-1. BAILIFFS: Wm. Foorde. John Wrightte.	2, extra. William Symond, b. at Elmystede (Elmstead). James Adsell, b. at Lewys (Lewes). Wm. Wacelyn, b. at Belton.	10, extra. Writing of John van A. junior, of a gift of all his goods made to John Braby of Colchester.	
Folio 103.		11, extra. Deed of Thomas Clyngho and Alice, his wife, and others, made to Richd. Hervy and others. 13, infra and extra. Various deeds concerning, among other things, a tenement at "le Hedgate," Colchester, formerly the tenement] of John Trewe, senior, of Colchester, merchant, afterwards that of his son, John Trewe. 24 extra. Lease to Thos. Kirkeham, clerk, of a tenement with its appurtenances, situate by the graveyard of Holy Trinity Church, for the rectory of the same church. To hold of the Bailiffs and commonalty, per virgam, &c. Deed of Richd. Marchall, Isabel, his wife, and others, made to Thomas Sandre of Copford and others. 36 infra. Composition between the Abbot of St. John and the Rector of Lexden concerning (de decimis percipiendis).	
1471-2. BAILIFFS: John Boteler. Richard Markes.	2, infra. Thos. Lalleford, b. at Sudbury. Mich. Clere, b. at Bury St. Edmund's. John Barker, b. at Melford. Robt. Starlyng [b.] at Coggeshale.	3, extra. Writing of release of John Haunteyn and Agnes, his wife, made to Thomas Cristemesse and others. 22, infra. Deed of Simon Tynte made to Henry Balsha, chaplain. Deed of Henry Balsha, chaplain, made to Simon Tynte and others. 29, extra. Two writings of acquittance of John Wrighte of Colchester, made to William Smyth, merchant, of Colchester.	29, infra. William Bury, of Colchester.
1472-3. BAILIFFS: Thomas Smyth. Wm. Colchestre.			

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Dorse of Folio 103.	2, infra. Edmund Sperry, b. at Hethyngham ad Castrum (Hedingham Castle) John Man, carter, b. at Chelmesford. John Bradford, b. at Bury St. Edmund's. Henry Riche, b. in Lam van Luke. Wm. Ody, b. at Haverell (Haverhill). 9, infra. Wm. Hynkle, b. in the Parish of St. Clement Danes (sancti Clementis Dacorum) without the bars (barras) of the New Temple, London.	7, infra. Deed of John Algood, sen., and Alianore, his wife, made to John Craton and others. 8, infra. Deed of William Forde of Colchester, merchant, made to Thos. Gerard and others. 12, infra. Lease to John Lokeworth, clerk, of a tenement situate by the graveyard of Holy Trinity Church, for the rectory of the said church. Per virgam, etc. 13, infra. Writing of release of John Grey, Joan, his wife, and others, made to John Clerk, weaver, and Joan, his wife. Deed of the same John and Joan Clerk made to John Ponde, sen., of Billerica, and others. 13, extra. Writing of release of John Algood, jun., made to John Craton and others. 17, extra. Letter of attorney sealed with the seal at arms (cum sigillo ad arma) of Sir Edward Nevyle, Knight, addressed to William Pellycan and others. 18, infra. Writing of release of Wm. Whiston and Joan, his wife, made to John Craton and others. Indented deed of John Tenderyng, Agnes, his wife, and others, made to John Danson, Ellen, his wife, and others. 18, extra. Deed of John Hertishorn, gentleman, and Elizabeth, his wife, made to Walter Moys, and others. 25, infra. Lease to Thomas Boorne and Rose, his wife, of a parcel of land at the west end of his garden by and over (supra) the stone wall of the town, by the King's highway there, on the north side. Per virgam. Annual rent 2d. at Hokeday. 25, infra. Deed of John Moryell and Joan, his wife, made to Wm. Starlyng, clerk.	9, infra. Marion Pilbergh. 25, infra. Indented portion of the last will of John Westbrome, sen., of Colchester, namely as to the reversion of all the renter and with its appurtenances, which Katherine, late wife of Thomas Crosseman, inhabited.
Folio 104. **1473-4.** BAILIFFS: William Foorde. John Boteler.	2, extra. John Stepill, b. at Worsworth, co. Derby (Wirksworth).	6, extra. Deed of John Algood, jun., of Colchester, made to John Beche, sen., and others. 7, infra. Indenture made by the Bailiffs and Commonalty to William Smyth and others, of New Hythe, Colchester, for a certain road and bridge, to have [the same] through and beyond the common bank and stream there (per et ultra communem ripam et ripariam ibidem). 7, extra. Deed of John Vykery and Margaret, his wife, made to Thomas Hobelot and others. 9, extra. Grant of road beyond the bank and at New Hythe, made by John, Duke of Norfolk, William Smyth, and others. 13, extra. Deed of John Neuman, of Lavenham, and Margaret, his wife, and others, made to John Reynold, and Joan, daughter of William Bolt, and others. 17, extra. Deed of John Reve, and Alice, his wife, and others, made to John Spens of Colchester. 27, extra. Deed of John Boseveeld and Margaret, his wife, made to John Thursk and others. 15, extra. Lease to Roger Shephierde, Alice, his wife, and John Algood, jun., of a parcel of land lying on the east side of their tenement, by Berelane, Colchester. Per virgam. Annual rent 1d. at Hokeday.	
1474-5. BAILIFFS: Wm. Colchestre. Thomas Cristemesse.	2, extra. John Barker, b. at Melford. Clement Fen, b. at Feryng (Feering). 4, extra. John Coledelle b. at Barnabe, Lincs. (Barnetby).	2, extra. Deed of John Levyngton, Alice, his wife, and others, made to Thomas Drakes and others.	
Dorse of Folio 104.		10, infra. Writing of gift of William Rasur, of Hagworthyngham, Lincs., (Hagworthingham, near Spilsby), merchant, made to Richard	

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		Spert, Esquire, and others, of all his lands and tenements, and also of all his good and chattels. 12, extra. Discharge (dimissio) of John Barker and William Lak, for various offences perpetrated by them, from their liberties and franchises of the town of Colchester. 19, infra. Writing of release of Thos. Slade, son and heir of Peter Slade, made to John Boteler. 21, extra. Deed of Simon Baldewyn, of Colchester, saddler, made to John Bron, Matilda, his wife, and others. 21, extra and 22, infra, Letter of Attorney of John Brasyer, chaplain, made to Master (Magistro) Henry Sharp, Clerk, and others. 29, infra. Deed of John Baker atte Vyne and others, made to William Smyth, merchant, and others.	
1475-6. BAILIFFS: JOHN BISSHOP. JOHN BOTELER.	3, infra. William Whiter, b. at Burez ad montem (Mount Bures). Robt. Symson, b. at Knaresburgh. John Grey, b. at Notley alba (White Notley). 5, extra. Henry Smyth, b. at Bulmere. Oliver van Cacch, b. in Zerikse (Zierickzee, Holland). William Smyth cordwainer, b. at Wynslawe (Winslow).	3, extra. Deed of William Westwode and Joan, his wife, and others, made to John Smyth, Sergeant-at-Arms of the King, and others. 12, infra. Deed of John Sonde, Margaret, his wife, and others, made to John Grene, "loder," and others. 13, infra. Deed of John Baker atte Vyne, of Colchester, and Alice, his wife, made to John Derby, notary, and others. 16, infra. Writing of release of John Reynold and Joan, his wife, daughter of William Bolt, of Colchester, made to William Bolt aforesaid, and others. Deed of John Songer, Son and next heir to John Songer, late of Teye Maundevyle, otherwise called Merkys Teye (Marks Tey), made to Walter Ayleward, of Copford, and others. 18. extra, Lease to Richard Louthe of a certain plot of land with certain parcel of curtilage thereto adjacent, near "Seynt Eleynpet." Per virgam. Annual rent 12d., at Hokeday. 23, extra. Writing of Henry Gilbertt, citizen and grocer, of London, made to Roger Barlow, citizen and tailor, London, and William Breton, of Colchester, gentleman.	
Folio 105.		23, extra. John Calver, Agnes, his wife, and John Stede surrendered a tenement at the west gate of Colchester Castle, to the use of Thos. Thorp and Robt. Thorp. Per virgam. Annual rent 2d. at Hokeday. Thomas and Robert Thorp surrendered a rentar belonging to the tenement aforesaid to the use of John and Agnes Calver. Per virgam, for the term of their lives and of the longest survivor. (Rent not stated).	
1476-7. BAILIFFS: THOMAS SMYTH. THOS. CRISTEMESSE.	2, extra. Henry Bron b. at Newcastle-on-Tyne. Wm. Barnyng b. at St. Osyth. John Strang b. at Sudbury. John Roteland alias Rolland Richtvu b. at Newburgh. Thomas Stampe b. at Leyre Breton. Wm. Wheler b. at Kelden (Kelvedon). Thos. Russell, b. at Waldyngfeld. Anthony Corneliesson b. at Mulster (Malstrom, Norway, or Moorsel, E. Flanders).	19, infra. Richd. Welde and Roger Purtepet surrendered a plot of land with houses built thereon, which was late Simon Whyte's, opposite St. Helen's Chapel, to the use of John Colyn, Alice, his wife, and others. Per virgam. Annual rent at Hokeday, 12d. The aforesaid Richard Welde and Roger Purtepet surrendered a tenement in St. Nicholas' parish, in Maydenburgh Street, opposite the doorway of the tenement belonging to St. Helen's Chapel, to the use of the aforesaid John and Alice Colyn. Per virgam. Annual rent at Hokeday, 4d. 20, infra. Arbitration of Thomas Cristemesse, William Foorde, Wm. Smyth, and John Botiller, arbitrators between John Craton, and his co-feoffees, of the one part, and John Tynt and John Stone, of the other part.	

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	Wm. Yeldham b. at Fynchyngfeld Henry Bussh b. in London. 12, infra. Wm. Cook, butcher, b. at Hoghton. 24, extra. Walter Pole, b. at Burford in le Welde (Burford, Oxon).	20, extra. Deed of John Boteler, sen., mercer, and Alice, his wife, made to John Barker and others. Deed of John and Alice Boteler aforesaid, and others, made to John Barker and others. 22, extra. Discharge (dimissio) of John Parker, mercer, John Whitefoot, Thomes Neulond, and John Burton, for various offences perpetrated by them, from their liberties and franchises of the town of Colchester. 23, infra. Writing of release of John Algood, Sen., and Alianore, his wife, made to John, Lord de Howard, Knight, William Pyrton, Knight, Wm. Shore, and others. 28, extra. Deed of Richard Welde and Alice, his wife, and others, made to John Colyn and others. 31, infra. Deed of Robt. Cosyn and Joan, his wife, —daughter of Thomas Fuller, merchant—and others, made to Richd. Pakke, jun., of Colchester, weaver,	
Dorse of Folio 105.		30, infra. Writing obligatory of Nicholas Frende, of Colchester, made to William Smyth, merchant. 30, extra. Deed of John Weston, son and heir of Alianore, late wife of John Weston, made to Wm. Foorde, Grace, his wife, and others. Writing of release of John Weston aforesaid, to William and Grace Foorde. Deed of William Gamday and Elianore, his wife, made to Henry Clerk and Thos. Hobelot, of Colchester.	
1477-8. BAILIFFS: Wm. Smyth. Wm. Colchestre.	2, infra. Thomas Berryve, b. at Lavenham.	3, extra. Writing obligatory of Wm. Richard of Colchester, fuller, made to Wm. Smith, merchant, and others. 5, extra. Arbitration of the Supervisors of Lands and Tenements in Colchester, made between John Curde, sen., and Thos. Whitehede. 6, extra. Writing of gift of all goods and chattels made by Thomas Bemys of Manytree (Manningtree), carpenter, to John Chircheman, sen., and Henry Freman. Indented deed of Henry Haukwode, Cristina, his wife, and others, made to John Reynold, Alice, his wife, and others. 20, infra. Election of Geoffrey Picard, as one of the Sergeants-at-Mace of the town, in place of William Baynyng, deceased. 21, extra. Writing of Adam Goolde, of Colchester, made to John Hervy, of Colchester, and John Goold, of the same, dyer, of all his goods and chattels. Deed of John Bardulf, Margery, his wife, and others, made to Wm. Foord, of Colchester, and others. 24, infra. Deed of John Weston, son and heir of Alianore, late wife of John Weston, his father, made to Wm. Foord and others. 25, infra. Indented deed of John Clerk, weaver, Joan, his wife, and others, made to Robert Hervy and others. 27, extra. Deed of JohnGamday of Colchester, Alice, his wife, and others, made to Wm. Wheler and others. Deed of John Algood, jun., Joan, his wife, and others, made to Wm. Wheler and others.	

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1478-9. BAILIFFS: WM. FOORD. JOHN BISSHOP.	2, extra. Richd Geffrey, b. at Leke, Lincs. (Leek). Thos. Wesden, b. at Burgh, Lincs. (Burgh-on-Bain). Robt. Hervy, b. at Stanewey (Stanway) John Honyton, b. at Wynch, Norfolk (Winch, nr. Lynn). Robt. Fraunceys, b. at Earls Colne. Wm. Dowe, b. at Brameston, Suffolk (Brandeston) John Vyoll, b. at Sutton, Kent. Robt. Sutton, glover, b. at Esthorp, (Easthorpe) Stephen Casour, b. at Elmystede (Elmstead) Wm. Pollye, b. at Stistede. John Fennyng, b. at Belstede, Suffolk (Belstead) Elizeus Tendryng b. at Cales (Calais) John Payn, b. at Bridbrook, Essex (Birdbrook) 6, extra. John Hichecok, b. at Hethyngham Sibyle (Sible Hedingham). Robt. Cok, b. at West Bergholte.	19, infra. Deed of John Dexter, Rose, his wife, and others, made to Wm. Foord, of Hadlegh, and others. 20, infra. Deed of John Hacon and Mary, his wife—late wife of Richd. Straunge, Esquire, — and others, made to Thomas Cristemesse and others. Writing of acquittance of Richd. Flyngant, of Colchester, fuller, Margaret, his wife,—daughter of John Potter of the Parish of St. Mary-at-the-Walls, made to Thos. Cristemesse and John Colyn, executors of the will of John Potter, aforesaid.	
Folio 106.		25, extra. Indented deed of Wm. Colchestre, Joan, his wife, and others, made to Agnes Dowe, widow, and Wm. Dowe, her son. 27, infra. Writing of release of Roger Wyk, of Colchester, fuller, Margaret, his wife, and others, made to John Colyn, weaver.	
1479-1480. BAILIFFS: RICHARD MARKES. THOMAS SMYTH.	2, extra. Thos. Bernard, b. in Herfordstok, Essex (? Hadstock). John Daysy, b. at Tokesford de Clay, Notts. Robt. Baker, b. at East Bergholt. 4, infra. Adam Norman, b. at Worstede, Norfolk. 13, extra. Thomas Symball, b. at Melton, Suffolk. 14, infra. Richd. Kervyle b. at Leyre del Hay (Layer-de-la-Haye).	2, extra. Deed of John Bisshop, and Joan, his wife—late wife of John Crouley—and others, made to Richd. Cristemesse, and others. 4, infra. Writing of release of John Litewyn, jun., Elizabeth, his wife, and others, made to Richd. Cristemesse. Deed of John Crudde, Isabel, his wife, and others, made to Richd. Cristemesse and others. 8, infra. Deed of John Reynold, baker, Alice, his wife, and others, made to Walter Gyles and others. 11, infra. Deed of John Hervy, of Stanwey, Joan, his wife, and others, made to Thos. Jopson and others. 14, extra. Deed of John Blower, Agnes, his wife, and others, made to Wm. Wheler and others. 15, infra. Deed of Thos. Bron, Alice, his wife, and others, made to John Vertue, jun., and others.	20, infra. Last will or gift of John Litewyn, sen., of all his goods and chattels, made to John Litewyn, his son. Joan Parker, widow of Richard Parker. 21, infra. John Newlonde, of Colchester, grocer. 22, infra. Alice Stichefford, of St. Botolph's parish. John Honyton.
1480-1. BAILIFFS: WM. SMYTH. THOS. STAMPE. THOMAS STAMPE died on the Thursday of the feast of	2, extra. Thos. Davy, b. at Revenhall (Rivenhall.) Wm. Whitby, b. at Whitby, York. Henry Bere, b. at Chelmysford.	3, infra. Deed of Robert Baker, of Great Bentley, and Joan, his wife,—one of the daughters of Richard Grene, and Joan, his wife, late of Bentley—and others, made to Thomas Eyr and others. Deed of Robt. and Joan Barker, aforesaid, and others, made to John (?) Honyton and other.	

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the Chair of St. Peter, within the year aforesaid, and JOHN GAMDAY was elected in his place. *Dorse of Folio* 106.	5, infra. James Northawe, b. at Ardeley. Wm. Cross, b. at Elmeswell, Suffolk (Elmswell).	4, extra. Deed of William Gamday, Alianore, his wife, and others, made to Robt. Coubregge, Margaret, his wife, and others. 5, infra. Deed of James Northawe, and Joan, his wife, made to John Berdefeld, sen., and Ralph Barlyscoll. 6, extra. Deed of John Weston, etc., made to John Thirleby, Agnes, his wife, and others. 7, extra. Deed of Thomas Baroun, and Margaret, his wife, made to Wm. Bolte and others. 11, infra. Deed of the Lord King made to Thomas Broun, sprung from Scotland (in Scocia oriundo). 15, extra. Deed of John Parker and others made to John Louthe, clerk. Writing of John Louthe, clerk, made to William Bolte. 16, extra. Election of GEOFFREY PICARD as one of the SERGEANTS-AT-MACE of the Town of Colchester, in place of James Adsell, late Sergeant of the Town, in Service of the Lord King, in deference of the then Lord Howard (in servicio Domini Regis in obsequio Domini Howard existen'.) 18, extra. General acquittance of John Swayn and James Cely made to John Thirleby. 20, extra. General acquittance of Wm. Ussher, of London, mercer, made to William Smyth and John Gamday, Bailiffs of Colchester. 23, extra. Writing of Thomas Profite and Lucy, his wife, made to Thomas Wolferton, Margeret, his wife, and others. 24, infra. Deed of Richard Welde and Alice, his wife, made to John Louthe, clerk. 24, extra. Deed of Henry Bre, Anne, his wife, and others, made to Clement Fen and others. 20, extra. Deed of Gift of Thomas Drakis of Colchester, gentleman, made to William Pykenham, clerk, and others.	
1481-2. BAILIFFS : JOHN GAMDAY. THOMAS JOPSON.	2, extra. Robt. Barlowe, b. at Misseden Bucks (Missenden) John Ynkpen, b. at Lyn Episcopi, Norfolk. (King's Lynn*) John Dygonson, b. at Garmethorp, Lincs (Grimblethorpe) Lambert van Polewyk b. at Nymmegyn de Gelderland (Nimeguen) John Shedde, b. at Alferton, Essex.	2, extra. Discharge of Walter Poole, for various offences perpetrated by him, from the liberties and franchises of the town of Colchester. 3, infra. Deed of Thos. Bernard and Anne, his wife, —late wife of John Shymmyng—and others made to Richard Plomer and others. Writing of release of Walter Lopham, Joan, his wife, and others, made to Robt. Lopham, of Woodbregge, Suffolk (Woodbridge). 7, infra. Deed of John Litewyn, Elizabeth, his wife, and others, made to William Clerk, weaver, Avice, his wife, and others. 13, extra. Writing of Thomas Profite and Lucy, his wife, made to Thomas Wolferton, Margaret, his wife, and others. 14, extra. Writing of release of Katherine Sayer, daughter of John Sayer, shearman, late of Colchester, made to John Thursk, Ellen, his wife, and others. Writing of release of Ellen Hubert, widow, daughter of Thomas Shercheman *(sic)* and John Chercheman, junior, son of John Chercheman, sen., made to Richard Adelese, Agnes, his wife, and others. 15, infra. Deed of Thos. Balstone, of Colchester, carpenter, and Agnes, his wife, late wife of John Hancok, made to John Dowe, of Bernyston (Burneston?) and others.	7, infra. Thomas Kersey, of Colchester, peautrere (pewterer)

* The name was changed from Bishop's Lynn to King's Lynn in the reign of Henry VIII.

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Folio 107.		15, infra. Deed of Master John Barfoot, clerk, and others, made to John Whitere, sen., and others. 17, infra. Indented deed of John Ody, Joan, his wife, and others, made to William Prentys, Alice, his wife, and others. Deed of John Boseveld, Margaret, his wife—daughter of Robert Cely—and others, made to John Fennyng and others. 17, extra. Deed of Thos. Wolferton, Margaret, his wife, and others, made to John Thursk, Ellen, his wife, and others. 23, infra. Writing of Robt. Everard, and Joan, his wife, daughter and heir of Roger Purpit, deceased, made to John Martyn, Alianore, his wife, and others. 23, extra. Writing of release of Antony Williamson, and Katherine, his wife, and Marion Berewik, daughter and heir of Agnes Berewik, junior, one of the daughters and co-heirs of Agnes Berewik, sen., made to Matilda, wife of Edmund Hermanson, "our blood relation," (consanguinie nostre), namely sister of Agnes Berewik, jun., deceased, our mother (defuncte matris nostre). Indented deed of Wm. Prentys, Alice, his wife, and others, made to Wm. Reignold, Alice, his wife, and others. Deed of John Levyngton and others, made to Henry Bere, Ann, his wife, and others. 24, infra. Deed of Henry Bere, Ann, his wife, and others, made to Wm. Breton and others. 29, infra. Deed of Richd. Withermerssh and John Sayer, shearman, of Colchester, made to William, Abbot of St. John, Colchester, and others. 31, infra. Deed of James Northawe, Joan, his wife, and others, made to John Berdefeld, sen., and John Sandherst, of Colchester. 36, extra. Deed of John Northawe, Joan, his wife, and others, made to Ralph Barliscolys, Elizabeth, his wife, and others. Deed of Wm. Evenot, Joan, his wife—late wife of William Westwood—and John Teryngton, made to Richd. Hervy and others. 39, infra. Deed of John Baron and Alice, his wife, and others, made to John Honyton and others.	21, extra. Thomas Cook, of the city of London, Knight.
1482-3. BAILIFFS: JOHN BISHOP. THOS. CRISTEMESSE. Bailiffs from Michaelmas in the 22nd year of Edward IV., now defunct, until the 8th April next following, and then in the first of Edward V., late son of Edward IV., until the 20th June, next following; and in the first year of Richard III., until the following Michaelmas.	2, extra. Thos. Stuard, b. at Paryndon, Essex (Parndon). Robt. Lichemer, b. at Bury St. Edmunds. John Judde, b. at Stratford, Suffolk. W. Stace, b. at Copford.	13, infra. Deed of Thos. Baroun, butcher, Margaret, his wife, and others, made to Agnes—late wife of Nicholas Sharper, Esquire—and others.	
Dorse of Folio 107.	33, infra. Thomas Appulton, born in [entry not completed].	20, extra. Deed of John Litewyn and Elizabeth, his wife, and others, made to Wm. Colowe, Sergeant-at-law, and others.	

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		23, infra. Deed of John Merveyne and Alice, his wife, and others, made to Wm. Clerk, "loder," and others. 27, infra. Deed of John Edon and Margaret, his wife, and others, made to John Neve, of Stowmarket, and Wm. Skute (or Skitte), priest. General acquittance of Wm. Davy, of Colchester, clothmaker, made to John Edon, late of Colchester, barber. Like acquittance of Edon to Davy. 34, infra. Letter testamentary (Litera testamentor') of William Jacob of Lavenham, Suffolk, clothier (pannarii), made to John Stralen, merchant, citizen of Cologne (civi Colonenensi). 35, infra. Writing of release of John Chercheman, of Colchester, junior, and Katherine, his wife, daughter of John Sayer, late of Colchester, shearman, made to John Thursk, Ellen, his wife, and others.	
1483-4. BAILIFFS: WILLIAM FOORDE. WILLIAM SMYTH.	2, extra. John Tyall, b. at Copford. John Killer, b. at Ardeley.	24, extra. Dismissal of John Whitefoot, for various offences perpetrated by him, from his liberties and franchises of the town of Colchester. 4, infra. Deed of William Clerke, weaver, and Alice, his wife, and others, made to Wm. Colowe, Sergeant-at-law, and others. 15, extra. Grant of an annual rent made by the Bailiffs and commonalty to John Elye and John Vertue, jun. 16, infra. General acquittance of John Barker, of Colchester, made to John Michell, of Walbirswike, Suffolk (Walberswick) mariner, and Richard Plomer, of Colchester, clothmaker. 19, extra. Writing of release of John Chercheman, sen., and Benedicta, his wife, and others, made to Robt. Beste.	
Folio 108.		28, extra. Deed of gift of John Levyngton, of Colchester, made to Alice, his wife, and others, of all his goods and chattels and also of his debts. 26, extra. Deed of John Snellyng, sen., of Colchester, smith, and Catherine, his wife, and others, made to John Honyton and others.	
1484-5. BAILIFFS: [illegible] THOMAS CRISTEMESSE. RICHD. PLOMER.	11, infra. Richard Heynes, son of William Heynes, b. at Leyer del Hay. (Layer-de-la-Haye.)	5, extra. Inventory writing of George Swordbrake, who died intestate, together with letter of administration in the same. 10, infra. Writing of release of Richard Ovirton and Agnes, his wife, made to John Sandherst, alias Kent, and others. General acquittance of Richd. Ovirton and Agnes, his wife, made to John Sandherst, alias Kent. 19, extra. Writing of release of John Chercheman and Katherine, his wife, daughter of John Sayer, shearman, deceased, made to Thos. Profyte and Lucy, his wife, who was wife of the aforesaid John Sayer. 20, extra. Writing of the said Thomas and Lucy Profyte, made to Thos. Kechyn and others. Writing of release of all manner of personal accounts of William Parker, executor of the will of———* who was wife of Simon Parker and executrix of the said Simon Parker's will, made to Henry Van Orle of Cologne (de Colonia), merchant. 20, extra. Deed of Richd. Maidstone and Matilda, his wife, and others, made to Clement Fenne and others. Deed of John Thomson of St. Botolph's parish, Colchester, and Agnes, his wife, and others, made to Robt. Barker and others. 23, extra. General acquittance of John Derby, an executor of the will of John Foord, of Colchester, made to John Gamday, merchant.	

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		21, extra. Deed of Wm. Smyth, of New Hythe, Colchester, and Margaret, his wife, and of Thos. Smyth of Colchester, made to John Storke, citizen and grocer, London, and others. 30, infra. Deed of Robert Cokke, of Colchester, and Agnes, his wife, and others, made to Thos. Clerke, clerk, rector of Fordham parish church, and Richard Cristemesse of Colchester. 30, infra. Deed of Robert Baker, of Colchester, and Rose, his wife, and others, made to Robert Barker and others. 32, extra. Deed of Richard Adles and Agnes, his wife, and others, made to Nicholas Clere and others. Deed of John Brasier, chaplain, son and heir of Robert Brasier, formerly citizen and alderman of the City of Norwich, and Christina, his wife, daughter of Thos. Fraunceys, formerly of Colchester, gentleman, and Agnes, his wife, made to the reverend priest and lord in Christ, Sir William Waynflete, by divine permission Bishop of Winchester, and others (reverendo in Christo presbutero ac domino dno: Willmo. Waynflete, permissione divina Winton episcopo, ac aliis.) 33, infra. Deed of John Rorkyn and Margaret his wife, and others made to John Honyton, gentleman. 20, extra. General acquittance of John Chircheman, jun., and of Katherine, his wife, of Colchester, made to Thos. Profyte and Lucy, his wife, of Neylond, Suffolk.	
Dorse of Folio 108.	11, extra. John Rorkyn, b. at Fordham. John Amys, b. at Bramford, Suffolk.		
1485-6. BAILIFFS: THOMAS JOPSON. JOHN UPCHAR.	2, infra and extra. Richard Cranmere, b. at Little Stanway, Essex. Richd. Heynes, b. at Leyr del Hay. John Aldham, b. at Heryng, Essex (? Havering, but perhaps a mistake for Feering.) Richd. Incent, b. at Alsford (Alresford). John Barell, b. at Shyplynthorn, Suffolk (Shimplingthorne). John Longe, b. at Lawsell, Suffolk (Lawshall). John Ardley, b. at Briche magna (Gt. Birch). 6, extra. John Suffolk, b. at Kirby in le Soken. Robt. Hoy, b. at Crokston, Norfolk (Croxton). Henry Webbe, b. at Dedham. Wm. Ryvers, b. at West Mersey.	13, infra. Writing of Wm. Pyrton, Knight, and others, made to John Foord, son of William Foord, and Margaret Teye, daughter of Elizabeth Teye. 14, extra. Writing of release of James Cook, of Norwich, draper, and others, made to Isabel, late wife of James Cook, of Colchester. 25, infra. Letter Testimonial of John Brasiar, priest, son and heir of Robert Brasiar, late of the city of Norwich, and Christina, his wife, daughter and heir of Thomas Fraunceys, formerly of Colchester, gentleman, and Agnes, his wife. 27, extra. Indented deed of feoffment of Margaret, late wife of John Hogon, widow, and others, made to John Amys and Agnes, his wife, and others. 28, infra. Deed of John Sandherst, alias Kent, and Isabel, his wife—late wife of John Bartelot—and others, made to Matilda, wife of Edmund Harmanson and others. 28, extra. Deed of John and Isabel Sandherst, and others, made to the aforesaid Matilda Harmanson and others. 30, infra. Acquittance of John Suffolk, of Colchester, butcher, made to John Kyng, of Colchester, weaver. 29, extra. Deed of Wm. Smyth, merchant, and Margaret, his wife, made to John Austyn, sen., and Joan, his wife, and others.	

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1486-7. BAILIFFS: RICHD. MARKES. THOS. CRISTMASSE.			
Folio 109.	3, infra. Richd. Adles, b. at Pullom, Norfolk (Pulham). John Boyle, draper, b. at Berougham, Suffolk (? Rougham). Thos. Elmet, b. at Stanyrdam, Northumb. (? Stamfordham). John Abbotte, b. at Widyngfelde, Suffolk (Withersfield). 4, infra. Thos. Tye, b. at Fyngrynghoo. John Damyon, b. at Brightlynsey. John Lyarde, b. at West Mersey. Thos. Brette, b. at Stamfelde, Suffolk (? Stanfield, Stanningfield, or Sternfield). John Plavforde, b. at Lydd, Kent. 14, extra. Robt. Curteys, b. at Stanford, Lincs. (Stamford). Thos. Gybbeson, b. at Bevirley, Yorks. John Snellyng, jun., b. at Adburton, Essex (Abberton). 18, John Breton, b. at Leir Breton (Layer Breton).	17, infra. Writing of gift of John Derby, notary, made to Robert Smyth and Sarah, his wife. 20, infra. Deed of Richard Nausegles, gentleman, and Alice, his wife, and John Fabyan, gentleman, made to Richd. Hervy, of the parish of St. Mary the Virgin, and others. Writing of release of Richd. Nausegles and Alice, his wife, made to John Fabyan.	
1487-8. BAILIFFS: THOS. JOPSON. RICHD. HERVY. The aforesaid RICHARD HERVY died on the 19th Nov. during his year of office, and RICHD. PLOMER was elected in his place.	2, Thos. Parker, b. at Yeldham. John Downe, b. at Groton, Suffolk. John Carter, b. at Walton, Essex. Edmund Adgore, b. at Terling. 3, infra. Michael Pepir, b. at Sutton, Suffolk.	6, infra. Deed of John Stychefford and Juliana, his wife, William Smyth, and others, made to Thos. Cristmasse, jun., son of Thos. Cristmasse, sen., and others. 7, infra. General acquittance of Joan Roberd, widow, made to John Claymond.	
Dorse of Folio 109.		7, infra. General acquittance of John Bawde and Alice, his wife, made to Thos. Berreve and Christina, his wife, relict and executor of the will of John Mayde, formerly her husband. 10, infra. General acquittance of Wm. Bolt, of chester, made to Thos. Smyth. 12, extra. Writing of gift of Henry Sumpter, made Colto John Cross, of Colchester, shearman.	
1488-9. BAILIFFS: RICHD. HEYNES. RICHD. HALKE. The aforesaid RICHARD HALKE, died on the * day of *	3, infra. William Downe, b. at Redlyngfeld, Suffolk (Redlingfield). Thos. Glendore, b. at Lytyll Nassh, Salop (Nash, near Burford).	4, extra and 5, infra. Deed of Isabel Van Cacche, and others made to Wm. Clopton, Esquire, and others. 10, extra. Writing of release of Wm. Woode, of Colchester, hosier, and Alice, his wife, who was wife of James Adsell, made to Joan Rutlond, of Colchester.	

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in his year of office, and THOS. CRYSTMAS was elected in his place.	Thos. Slectour, b. at Grynsted, Sussex (Grinstead). Wm. Prentys, b. at Stysted. Robt. Kene, b. at Gosfeld, Essex. John Bryan, b. at Walton, Essex. Thos. Bayly, b. at Netlam, Lincs. John Crowe, b. at Horkyslegh. Wm. Clerke, b. at Stratford, Suffolk. John Percyvall, b. at Rypon, Yorks. Wm. Culpak, b. at Boxted. Wm. Hodges, b. at Stanbrigge, Essex (Stambridge). John Tye, b. at Fyngryngho.	12, extra. Deed of John Ody, and Joan, his wife, and others, made to John Reynold, "cappemaker," and others. 16, infra. Deed of Robt. Smyth, of Colchester, weaver, and Sarah, his wife, and others, made to Nicholas Clere, and others. 16, extra. Deed of Roger Bette, and Alice, his wife, and others, made to Robt. Fowkes and others.	
Folio 110.	3, extra. Wm. Neve, b. at Twayte, Suffolk (Thwaite).	4, infra. Writing of gift of all goods and chattels, made to Robert Lichefeld, of Colchester, to Robt. Curde, of Colchester.	
1489-1490. BAILIFFS: JOHN UPCHARE. RICHD. BARKER.	John Ekton, b. at Barkeley, Gloucestershire (Berkeley. Robt. Smith, b. at Langham. John Hassyngham, b. at Bungey, Suffolk. William Bonnde (or Bounde), b. at Misteley, Essex. John Sandherste, alias Kent, b. at Pekkam, Kent (Peckham, near Maidstone). 16, extra. William Clerke, of Bulmere, b. at Watir Belcham (Belchamp Walter). 29, infra. John Abell, of Stoke Neylond, b. at Wyggbergh, Essex (Wigborough). 33, extra. Thos. Spryng, b. at Lavenham.	Letter of Attorney of Roger Lichefeld, of Colchester, to Robt Curd. 12, infra. Deed of John Laryot and Margery, his wife, and John Reynold, baker, made to John Flyngaunt, mercer, and others. General acquittance of Letitia Grewe, widow of John Grewe, of Colchester, made to Richd. Anwyk, of Markes Tey, "husbondman." General acquittance of the aforesaid Letitia made to Thos. Anwyk, of Esthorp (Easthorpe), "husbondman". 15, Indenture of demise of the sites of the mills, both water mills and fulling mills, lately constructed at New Hythe, made by the Bailiffs and Commonalty of Colchester to Thomas Cristemesse, sen., and Richd. Barker, burgesses and aldermen of the Borough. 19, infra. Deed of Joan, late wife of John Spryng, and of John Suffolke, husband of the said Joan, and others, made to William Wheler and others. 24, infra. Deed of Robt. Smyth, weaver, and Sarah, his wife, and others, made to Nicholas Clere and others. 24, extra. Deed of Thos. Davy, clerk, and others made to Thomas Pende and others. 25, infra. Writing of release of John Thirleby and Agnes, his wife, and others, made to John Breton and Thos. Cristemesse, jun. 20, infra. Exoneration of 12d. rent formerly exacted of William Dowe, in the parish of St. Mary the Virgin. 31, extra. Writing of acquittance of William Norman and Joan, his wife, one of the daughters of Wm. Gossele, deceased, and Richd. Petwyn, alias Richd. Peyton, and Alice, his wife, another of the daughters of Wm. Gossele, made to Robt. Beste and John Hunte, executors of the said Wm. Gossele.	
Dorse of Folio 110.		37, extra. Writing of release of Thos. London, of Gt. Tey, and Margaret, his wife, made to Wm. Austyn and William Norman, of Colchester. 38, infra. Deed of John Fen, jun., and Matilda, his wife, and others, made to Wm. Downe and others.	

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1490-1. BAILIFFS: THOMAS JOPSON. JOHN BARDFELD, sen.	4, infra. John Mayken, b. at Leyre Marny (Layer Marney). Richd. Gardener, b. at Weston-super-Trent, Derbyshire (Weston-on-Trent Staffordshire). Richd. Sabney, b. at East Dereham, Norfolk. John Yon, b. at Tolleshunte. Robt. Sledge, b. at Cheveton subtus Mendyepe, Somerset (Chewton Mendip).	4, extra. Deed of John Suffolke and Joan, his wife, formerly wife of John Spryng, of Colchester, made to Robt. Barlowe and others. 20, infra. Deed of Geoffrey Pycard and Joan, his wife, and John Rutlond, made to John Ekton and others. 25, extra. Deed indented of Wm. Wheler and others made to John Suffolke, butcher, and Joan, his wife, and others. 29, extra. Deed of John Newell, of Colchester, shearman, and Joan, his wife,—formerly wife of Richard Geffrey—and others, made to Wm. Wheler and others. 32, extra. Deed of John Capon, of Colchester, tiler, and Joan, his wife, and others, made to Wm. Dowe, smith, and others. 36, infra. Deed of John Brewode and Alice, his wife,—late wife of John Facon, of Neylonde (Nayland) and executrix of the will of the said John Facon,—and Nicholas Hatche of Neylond, co-executor, made to Richd. Plomer, Agnes, his wife, and others. 38, extra. Indented deed of William Prentys and Alice, his wife, and others, made to John Reynold, of Colchester, "capper," and others. 39, infra. Deed of Richd. and Agnes Plomer, and others, made to Robt. Cowbrege, and others.	
1491-2. BAILIFFS: THOS. CRISTEMASSE, sen. NICHOLAS CLERE. *Folio* 111.	3, extra. Henry Brigges, alias Henry Patman, b. at Stortford, Herts 28, infra. Simon, Rolff. miller, b. at Harow, super montem, (Harrow-on-the-Hill).	16, infra. Deed of John Bardefeld and Alice, his wife, daughter and heir of Alice Clayson, deceased. made to Henry Freman. 16, extra. Writing of release of John Dukworth, alias John Dukford, of Colchester, and Margaret, his wife,—one of the daughters and heirs of Alice Dalton—and John Page, of Neylond, and Joan, his wife, another of the daughters and heirs of the said Alice, made to Richd. Heynes and others. 23, infra. Deed of John Cransen, of Colchester, weaver, and Joan, his wife, and others, made to Joan Crosse and others.	
1492-3. BAILLIFFS: JOHN UPCHAR. JOHN BARDFELD.	4, infra. John Briche, b. at Briche magna (Great Birch). John Pepir, b. at Capell, Suffolk. John Fen, smith, b. at Goldangre (Goldhanger). 4, infra. William Sherwyn, b. at East Bergholt. Edmund Honyton, b. at Wynche, Norfolk (East Winch). 12, extra. John Bereve, b. at Lavenham. 14, infra. Wm. Benyght, b. at Langenho. John Debenham, b. at Yekkesworth, Suffolk (Ixworth).	4, infra. Deed of Wm. Askeham, alias William Boston, and Agnes, his wife, and others, made to Margaret, wife of Wm. Freer, and others. 4, extra. Deed of Nicholas Smyth, of Sudbury, and Isabel, his wife,—daughter of John Peverell—and others, made to Edmund Ree, of Sudbury. 8, infra. Deed of Wm. Wheler and Joan, his wife, and others, made to John Adam, clerk. 10, infra. Deed of John Fen, weaver, and Matilda, his wife, made to John Lariet and others. 10, extra. Deed of John Browne, "furbusshour" and Joan, his wife, and others, made to Nicholas White, mason, and Margaret, his wife, and others. 18, infra. Deed of John Craton, and Alice, his wife, and others, made to Thos. Cristemesse, jun., and others. 26, infra. Writing of release of John Dixewelle, gentleman, and Katherine, his wife, daughter and heir of William Bury, made to Thomas Gerard and others.	
1493-4. BAILIFFS: RICHD. MARKES. THOS. CRISTEMESSE, sen.	3, extra. Nicholas Wellys, b. at Leyham, Suffolk (Layham).	4, infra. Deed of Richd. Flyngaunt and Joan, his wife, alias Joan, daughter of Thos. Smyth, made to John Flyngaunt, mercer, and others.	

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Dorse of Folio 111.		5, infra. Indenture of Richard Flyngaunt and Joan, his wife, alias Joan, daughter of Thomas Smyth, [and] of Robert Brest and others, made to John Flyngaunt, mercer, and others. 5, infra. Writing of release of John Reydon, Esquire, and Margaret, his wife, made to John Thurske, of Colchester, clothmaker, Richard Heynes, and others. 10, infra. Deed of Edmund Bound, of Lavenham, and Alice, his wife,—late wife of William Dale, of Colchester,—and John Ody, made to Henry Dale, son of William Dale aforesaid—and others. 16, extra. Writing of release of Thos. Whare and Margaret, his wife, late wife of Thos. Colys, alias Thomas Bocher, made to Thomas Kyrkeby, clerk, and Richard Frere, clerk. 18, infra. Letter of attorney of Jakes le Breton, alias James le Breton, made to Edmund Aylmere, gentleman. Deed of John Crystofer and Margaret, his wife, and others, made to John Breton, gentleman, William Breton, and others. 18, extra. Exoneration made by Jaket a Vannez, alias Jakez le Breton, made to Thomas Jopson concerning 21 weighs of coarse salt (de xxj. wagis grossi salis). 25, infra. Deed of John Knok, and Marion, his wife, and others, made to Wm. Downe, Thos. Gerard, and others.	
1494-5. BAILIFFS: RICHARD HEYNES. RICHARD BARKER.		14, infra. Deed of John Person of Colchester, son and heir of Alice, late wife of Ralph Bertelot, late of Colchester, deceased, and of Alice, his wife, made to Robert Reynold, citizen and vintner of London, and others. Deed of Richd. Bacon, of Colchester, and Joan, his wife, made to John Bardfeld, of St. Botolph's parish, Colchester, and Marion, his wife, and others. 14, extra. Deed of Thos. Reyneham and Alice, his wife, and others, made to John Rutterlonde, Marion, his wife, and others. 25, extra. Deed of John Dixwell, Esquire, and Katherine, his wife, daughter and heir of William Bury, late of Colchester, gentleman, deceased, made to William Bounde, of Colchester.	
Folio 112.	2, infra. Thomas Archer b. at Bishop Warmouth (Bishop Wearmouth) within the diocese of Durham.	13, infra. Indented writing of Richd. Markes, gentleman, and others, made to Richd. Barker, of New Hythe, and others.	
1495-6. BAILIFFS: THOMAS CRISTEMAS, sen. JOHN THURSKE.	John Ball b. at Stoke-by-Neylond. John Sandhurst, jun., b. at Sethyngborn, Kent (Sittingbourne) John Lopham, b. at Cressingham, Norfolk. John Felixe, b. at Salcott Wigbergh (Salcot Wigborough) Essex.	13, extra. Deed of Richard Barker, of New Hythe, and others, made to Thomas Wolvyrston, Esquire, and others. 19, infra. Deed of John Smyth, of New Hythe, and Joan, his wife, and others, made to John Richardson, of Riculver (Reculver, Kent), and others. 23, infra. Indented deed of Robt. Cowbregge, and Margaret, his wife, and others, made to John Page, Marion, his wife, and others. 24, extra. Deed of Matthew Stevyn and Margaret, his wife, late wife of Richd. Saxby, and others, made to Wm. Halk, of Colchester, and others. 28, extra. Deed of Wm. Botiller, alias William Sotherell, late of Lenn Episcopi (King's Lynn) and now of Colchester, and Joan, his wife, made to Matthew Rede, Wm. Blakborn, and others.	

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		Writing of release of Wm. Sotherell alias Botiller, late of Lynn Episcopi, and Joan, his wife, daughter of the late William Rede, shearman, whilst he lived (et Johanne uxoris sue filie nuper Willielmi Rede, sherman, dum vixit.	
1496-7. BAILIFFS: RICHARD HEYNES. RICHARD BARKER.	4, extra. Richard Merell, b. at Bergholt Sakvile. James Broun, b. at Blythe, Notts. (Blyth).	5, infra. Deed of John Foord, son of William Foord, and Margaret, his wife, daughter of Elizabeth Teye, made to Wm. Breton and others. 5, extra. Deed of John Stone, of Colchester, fuller, and Alice, his wife, daughter of Richd. Hervy, late of Colchester, cloth-maker, deceased, and others, made to John Hastyng and Elizabeth, his wife, and others.	
Dorse of Folio 112.	31, infra. Robert Calon, b. at Brimsted, Norfolk (Brumstead). Richd. Perker, butcher b. at Neylond, Suffolk.	6, extra. Deed of John Hastyng and Elizabeth, his wife, and others, made to James Brown, Katherine, his wife, and others. 25, infra. Deed of John Ecton and Agnes, his wife, late wife of John Debon, whilst he lived of the parish of St. Leonard, Colchester, and others, made to Thomas Wyn, chaplain, and others. 26, infra. Writing of release of William Boston, of Sudbury, "poynt maker," and Agnes, his wife, made to John Raynsford, Esquire, William Breton, and others. 31, extra. Deed of Thos. Berive and Christina, his wife, and Robt. Barker, made to Richd. Barker, son of Robt. Barker, of Colchester, and William Jopson, son of Thos. Jopson.	
1497-8. BAILIFFS: THOS. CRISTEMAS, sen. THOS. CRISTEMAS, jun. JOHN BRYAN. *Chamberlain.*	3, extra. Thos. Burton, b. at Coggeshale. 9, John Chirche, b. at St. Osyth.	3, extra. Writing of release of Thos. Glyndour and Agnes, his wife, late wife of John Hervy, and daughter and heir of William Colchestre, while he lived of Colchester, made to Thos. Spyner and Grace, his wife, and others, 6, infra. Deed of John Ayston, of Colchester, and Isabel, his wife, late wife of John Hyerd, and others, made to John Smellyng, smith, and Agnes, his wife, and others. 6, extra. Deed of Adrian Johnson, Ann, his wife, and others, made to Thos. Spryng, of Lavenham, clothmaker, and others. 7, extra. Deed of William Hyntlesham, clerk, rector of All Saints, Colchester, made to Isabel Hyerd of Colchester, widow, and others. 12, infra. Deed of William Foorde, of Hadleugh, Suffolk (Hadleigh), merchant, Margaret, his wife,—late wife of John Syrich, alias Seman, of Colchester,—and others, made to Thos. Nuttebak, clerk, rector of St. Runwald's, Colchester. 15. infra. Deed of William Cristemasse and Ann, his wife, and others, made to Henry Patmer, citizen and clothier (pannario), of London, and Joan, his wife, and others. 18, extra. Deed of William Bole, late of Wodebregge (Woodbridge), and afterward of Colchester, and Elizabeth, his wife, and others, made to John Colle and Agnes, his wife, and others.	
Folio 113.	3, extra. John Baddyng, b. at Rayley (Rayleigh), Essex.	6, extra. Deed of Henry Dale and Margaret, his wife, and others, made to John Tyhall, of Colchester, draper. and others.	
1498-9. BAILIFFS: JOHN SWAYN. JOHN BRETON. JOHN MAYKEN. *Chamberlain.*	Robt. Chipman, b. at Norwich. Richard Yng, b. at Hanslap, Bucks. (Hanslope). Thos. Brown, brasier, b. at Shelond, Suffolk (Shelland). 14, extra. John Colle, b. at Neylon, Suffolk (Nayland).	8, infra. Deed of Robert Byeston, of Earls Colne, mercer, made to George de Veer, Knight, and others. 8, extra. Deed of Edmund Honyton, son of the late John Honyton, sen., and Elizabeth, his wife, and others, made to George de Veer, Knight, and others. 11, extra. Writing of release of John Smyth, waterman, and Joan, his wife, and others, made to John Carter, of Colchester, fishmonger. 11, extra. Deed of Edmund Honyton and Elizabeth, his wife, made to George de Veer, Knight, and others.	

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		12. Deed of John Brewode, of Great Horkesley, gentleman, made to William Tendryng, Esquire, and others, for the purpose of the repair of All Saints Church, Colchester (ad usum reparacionis ecclesie omnium sanctorum Colcestrie). 17, infra. Deed of Thomas Tryll, butcher, and Agnes, his wife, made to Edmund Hermanson, and others. 27, extra. Deed of John John, of Colchester, and Katherine, his wife, daughter of John Derby, late of Colchester, notary, and others, made to Nicholas Wellys and Alice, his wife, and others. 29, Deed of John Breton, gentleman, and Joan, his wife, late wife of John Vertue, of Colchester, clothmaker, made to William Halk, of Colchester.	
1499-1500. BAILIFFS: Thos. Cristemas, sen. Richd. Barker. The aforesaid Richard Barker died on the * day of July, during his year of office, and Thos. Jopson was elected in his place.	3, extra. John Martyn, b. at East Bergholt. William Tayllour, glover, b. at Wymbersley, Yorks. Thos. Nuttak, b. at Welten juxta Louthe, Lincs. (Welton-le-Wold, Louth).		
Dorse of Folio 113.	3, extra. Thomas Mannyng, b. at Gt. Tey. 10, infra. Thos. Newton, b. at Gt. Wigborough. Robt. Calle, b. at Framlyngham. John Barker, smith, b. at Wookeham, Rutland (Oakham).	7, extra. Deed of Richd. Mower, alias Couper, of Colchester, and Dionysia, his wife, and others, made to John Duke, of Colchester, and Agnes, his wife, and others. 9, infra and extra. A certain Arbitration between Thomas Jopson, of the one part, and John Hervy, of Holy Trinity parish, "husbondman," 12, extra. Deed of John Bysshop, of Colchester, alias John Sadeler, and Margaret, his wife, and others, made to Thos. Ayloff, of Sudbury, merchant, and others. 14, infra. Release of William Smyth, of Colchester, fuller, and Katherine, his wife, made to Edmond Hermanson, "berebruer" (beer-brewer), and others. 20, infra. Deed of Thos. Mannyng and Alice, his wife, and others, made to Richard Whiteake and others. 23, infra. Letters Patent of the King made to Sir Robert Peyton, Knight, holding the manor of Esthorpe and Bryche (Easthorpe and Birch) with certain privilege (?) to the Bailiffs and commonalty of Colchester. 25, extra. Indenture between George de Veer, Knight, and Edmund Honyton, and Alice, his wife, lately called Alice Dabenesse, with letter of attorney made to the same George. 27, infra. Deed of John Estfeld, of Horkesley, and Alice, his wife, and others, made to Thomas Vertucas and others.	
1500-1. BAILIFFS: Thos. Cristemas, jun. John Swayn.	25, extra. Robert Fraunceys, of Colchester, butcher, born at Burnham, Essex.	17, infra. Deed of John Cristofer and Margaret, his wife, and others, made to William Fraunceys, of Colchester. 20, infra. Deed of William Norman and Joan, his wife, daughter of William Gosfeld, while he lived of Colchester, and others, made to John Abbott of Colchester, tanner, and others. 20, infra. Deed of Edmund Thorpe, sen., of Dedham, and Joan, his wife, blood-relation and heir of Alice, late wife of John Strangman, and before that wife of Thomas Hobelotte, and daughter of the late John Stede, made to William Parker.	

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		20, extra. Deed of Edmund Honyton, of Colchester, son and heir of John Honyton, sen., and Elizabeth, his wife, made to Robt. Byeston, of Earls Colne, mercer. 33, Release of John Wynkfeld, Esquire, executor of the will of Joan Doreward, widow, and Margaret, his wife, daughter and heir of the said Joan, made to Wm. Teye, of Colchester, gentleman.	
Folio 114.	2, infra. Robt. Dyx, b. at Kyrkeby in la Soken (Kirby-le-Soken). Nicholas Thomson, b. at Itryngham, Norfolk (Itteringham). 14, infra. John Thorp, b. at Dedham. 15, infra. Richd. Parker, gentleman, b. at Hareworth, Yorks (Harewood).	29, infra. Release of Thomas Whare, of Colchester, dyer, and Alice, his wife,—late wife of John Plasshy, tailor—and others, made to Thomas Glyndour and Wm. Culpak.	
1501-2. BAILIFFS: ROBERT COWBREGGE. JOHN JOHN.			
1502-3. BAILIFFS: JOHN SWAYN. ROBT. BYEST.	1, extra. William Clork, of Lexden, b. at Asshwell, Herts (Ashwell). Henry Howse, b. at Stonham, Norfolk. Richd. Page, b. at Bynbrook, Lincs (Binbrook). Robt. Gardener, b. at Cretyng, Suffolk (Creeting). Thos. Fox, b. at Cheryton Phiperd, Devon (Cheriton Fitzpaine). Robt. Page, b. at Yexworth, Suffolk (Ixworth). Richd. Jaxson, b. at Holbyech, Lincs (Holbeach).		
1503-4. BAILIFFS: THOS. CRISTEMASSE. JOHN MAYKYNG.	3, William Teye, gentleman, b. at Bryche Parva (Little Birch)		
Dorse of Folio 114.	William Balle, b. at Stoke by Nayland. John Cowper, b. at Boxford. Wm. Clerk, jun., b. at Stratford, Suffolk. William More, b. at Brendwode, Essex (Brentwood). Richd. Bryan, b. at Ardley, Essex (Ardleigh). Richd. Hervy, b. at Leyr de la hay. Wm. Aleyn b. at Hilbroke, Norfolk (Hilborough). Wm. Lambe, b. at Bylan, Yorks (Byland). Thos. Rolff, b. at Prytwall, Essex (Prittlewell).	5, infra. Deed of Thos. Tye, of Colchester, and Joan, his wife, and others, made to Thos. Barker, John Reynesforth, Knight, and others. 6, infra Deed of Robert Skrevener, of Colchester, butcher, and Matilda, his wife, and others, made to John Kyng, of Colchester, capmaker, and Thos. Nuthak. 18, infra. General acquittance made by Edmund Honyton, of Colchester, gentleman, to Margaret de Veer, widow, late wife of Sir George de Veer, executrix of the will of the said Sir George de Veer. 18, infra. General acquittance of Edmund Honyton, of Colchester, gentleman, made to Robt. Beeston, of Earls Colne, mercer. 21, extra. Indenture made between Richd. Spencer, gentleman, and Elizabeth Hermanson, Henry Barker, and Adrian Johnson, executors of the will of Edmund Hermanson, of Colchester, "byerbruer" (beer-brewer).	

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	23, extra. John Heyward, b. at Groundesborough, Suffolk (Grundisburgh).		
1504-5. BAILIFFS: JOHN SWAYN. RICHD. PAKKE.	3, infra. Thomas Huett, b. at St. Osyth. Wm. Robert, b. at Thetford. John Snowdon, b. at Fordham. John Coksale, b. at Hinden, Suffolk (Hundon). John Salowgh, b. at Dedham. 14, John Bakton, b. at Wenham, Suffolk. Roger Barnaster, b. within the liberty of the town aforesaid. 21, William Buxston, b. at Stowmarket. Robt. Pyceall, b. at Keolby, Lincs. (Keelby).	7, extra. Deed of Robt. Scryvener, of Colchester, butcher, and Matilda, his wife, made to John Reynold, of Colchester, "capper," and others.	
Folio 115.	15, extra in fine. Thos. Baker, b. at Stowey, Somerset (Nether Stowey). Rich. Parker, "capper." b. at Brendwode (Brentwood).	35, infra. Deed of John Payne, of Manytre (Manningtree), and Anicia, his wife, and others, made to Christopher Thwaytes, Richd. Darnell, and others.	
1505-6. BAILIFFS: JOHN BERDEFELD. WM. BENYGHT. [THOS. CRISTEMASSE was elected Bailiff in place of John Berdefield]. JOHN CLERE. *Chamberlain.*	10, infra. John Maynard, b. in London. 12, infra. Wm. Hobert, b. at Harowathill, Middlesex (Harrow-on-the-hill). 29, extra. John Gardener b. at Cretyngham, Suffolk (Cretingham, near Debenham).	9, infra. Release of Wm. Smyth, of Colchester, fuller, son and heir of Wm. Smyth, late of New Hythe, merchant, made to Thos. Cristemasse, merchant. 10, infra. Election of THOS. CRISTEMASSE, as one of the Bailiffs, in place of John Berdefeld. 21, infra. Grant by the Bailiffs and commonalty to Edmund Squyer, rector of Holy Trinity, of a tenement with its appurtenances situated by the graveyard of the church, for a rectory. To be held of the Bailiffs and commonalty per virgam, at will, according to custom, &c. 23, infra. Deed of John Cristemasse, sen., of Colchester, and Joan, his wife, and others, made to Wm. Parker, of Billerica, and others. 26, infra. Deed of Richard Hardy his wife, late wife of Wm. Westwode, alias Sporyour, while he he lived of Colchester, made to Thomas Neve, of Colchester, "syngillman,"	
1506-7. BAILIFFS: THOS. CRISTEMASSE. JOHN SWAYN. *Dorse of Folio* 115.	2, extra. John Woodewall, b. at Banwell, Somerset. 3, infra. Wm. Whepsted, tanner, b. at Bretenham, Suffolk (Brettenham). Jas. Chevyngton, tanner, b. at Lalseye, Suffolk (? Lawshall). 7, extra. Richd. Knek, b. at Charyng, Kent. John Palfreyman b. at Gt. Bentley.	2, extra. Arbitration of Supervisors of Lands and Tenements in Colchester, made between Thos. Stubber and John Bowlys. 5, infra. Deed of Richard Baldwyn, of Colchester, and Alice, his wife, made to John Salough, Joan, his wife, and others. 12, infra. Deed of John Mey, and Matilda, his wife, daughter and heir of John Theyr, alias Tyer, late of New Hythe, Colchester, made to John Hobert, of Gt. Bromley, Essex, and others.	

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	26, extra. Robt. Cosyn, fuller, b. at Colchester, in St. Botolph's parish. 32, extra. Nicholas Adkyn, butcher, b. at Ungdell, Northumberland. Stephen Mannok, tanner, b. at Stokeby-Nayland. 33, infra. Thos. Wellys, b. at Thetford ultra pontem, Norfolk (Thetford, Norfolk. The parish beyond the bridge is in Norfolk, the remainder being in Suffolk).		
1507-8. BAILIFFS: Robt. Cowbregge. Wm. Benyght. [There is no record of the year 1508-9. It is possible that a page is missing. Three counterfoils or "guards" of pages which may or may not have been cut out, occur in the book at this point, but there is no indication that they had writing upon them.]	2, extra. John Archer, of Lexden, yeoman, b. at Bethom, Westmorland (Beetham). Thos. Johnson, corkmaker, b. at Elyngton, Derbyshire. Godfrey Hervy, b. at Alsford, Essex, (Alresford). Wm. Braunche, b. at Wrotam, Kent (Wrotham). Hugh Dabeney, b. at Wakefeld, Yorks (Wakefield). 5, infra. Wm. Gryffyn, b. at Hardyn, Wales (Hawarden). Thos. Whetebred, b. at Sandwich, Kent. John Draper, b. at Magna Brich (Gt. Birch). Thos. Preston, b. at East Bergholt.	25, extra. Writing of release of Thos. Barmeston, of Fingringhoe, and Isabel, his wife, late wife of Richd. Rokell, deceased, made to Wm. Culpak and others. 28, Deed of Austin Bereve, of Colchester, and Joan, his wife, made to Robt. Hirde and others. Roll the last. Restitution of John Sayer, late Chamberlain of the town, to his freedom, which he lost, as there appears.	
Folio 116 **1509-10.** BAILIFFS: Thos. Cristemasse. John Swayne.	4, infra. Simon Dixster, b. at Lavenham. 8, extra. Simon Pownde, b. at Stanstede, Suffolk (Stanstead near Melford). 9, extra. Humphrey Wyngfeld, Esquire, b. at Letheryngham Suffolk (Letheringham). 11, infra. Walter Wyngfeld, Esquire, b. at Letheryngham. Christopher Hamond, gentleman, b. at Neylond, Suffolk (Nayland). 3, Robert Brown, b. at Shellond, Suffolk (Shelland).	5, extra. Deed of James Brewster, of Colchester, and Alice, his wife, made to John Purvyce and others. 11, extra. Deed of John Dowe, and Eleanor, his wife, and others, made to John Bonham, Esq. and others. 27, infra. Deed of Robert Elmet, clerk, son and heir of Thos. Elmet, while he lived of Colchester "fremeson" (free mason) made to John Morton, alias John Norwicke of Colchester, and Margaret, his wife, and others. 30, infra. Deed of Thos. Archer, of Ipswich, Joan, his wife, and others, made to Nicholas North, alias Nicholas North of Colchester, draper, Margaret, his wife, and others.	
1510-11. BAILIFFS: John Mayken. Richd. Pakke.		7, extra. Release of Thomas Browne, of Bury St. Edmund's, and Alice, his wife, daughter and heir of Robt. Hervey, and Margaret, his wife, both late of Colchester, made to John Raynesforth, Knight, and others.	

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1511-12. BAILIFFS: JOHN SWAYNE. JOHN REYNOLD.	2, John Morrece, b. at Handmer, Co. Westchester (? Hanmer, Co. Flint).	9, infra. Particular acquittance of Thos. Webbe, of Dedham, clerk, made to John Webbe, Stephen Donton, and Wm. Clerk, executors of the will of Thos. Webbe, of Dedham aforesaid. 17, extra. Writing of release of Geoffrey Jolye, of Bergholt, Suffolk, weaver, and Alice, his wife, late wife and executrix of Richd. Mustede, late of Colchester, made to John Sterre, yeoman, and Joan, his wife, and others. 20, infra. Deed of Richd. Olmested, of Felsted, and Joan, his wife, made te John Fraunceys, of Colchester, shoemaker, and Joan, his wife, and others.	
1512-13. BAILIFFS: JOHN SMALPECE. JOHN BRYAN.	4, extra. Richd. Eme, b. at Woodbregge (Woodbridge). John Kendall, b at Stephyng, Lincs. 6, infra. Thos. Cook, b. at Gt. Bromley. John Tomson, b. at Bradewell juxta mare (Bradwell-on-Sea). 6, extra. John Pode, b. at Tendryng. John Pye, b. at Orthefoord, Suffolk (Orford). 7 extra. Anthony Jacobbe, a German (tutonicus), b. at Flysshyng (Flushing), within the demesne of Camsere. 9, extra. John Clerk, b. at Henyngham ad Castrum (Hedingham Castle). Barth. Jeffrey, b. at Novum Castrum, (Newcastle.) "Northumnerland." 12, infra. Lawrence Andrew, waterman, b. at Tenham, Cambs.	6, infra. Deed of Thos. Vyveley, and Margery, his wife, made to Robert Fraunces, butcher, and Joan, his wife, and others. 10, infra. Particular acquittance of William Dedham, clothmaker, made to John Webbe, Stephen Donton, and Wm. Clerk, executors of the will of Thos. Webbe, of Dedham. 11, infra. Deed of Richard Strut and Margaret, his wife, formerly wife of John Morton, alias Norwiche, made to Robert Milles. sen., "melwright" (millwright), and others. 6, infra. Deed of John Thursteyn, and Katherine, his wife, made to Robt. Milles, jun., of Colchester, Isabel, his wife, and others.	
Dorse of Folio 117.			
1513-4. BAILIFFS: JOHN SWAYN. JOHN CLERE.	4, infra. John Cook, of Wyvenhoo, b. at Melford. John Ailward, b. at Micheteye, Essex (Great Tey).	7, infra. Deed of John Fraunceys, shoemaker, Joan, his wife, and others, made to Thomas Fennyng and others. 19, extra. Deed of John Hasyngham, Christina, his wife, and Richd. Kyng, made to Richd. Wysdom, alias Erlyngton, Mary, his wife, and others.	

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	John Bowllys, b. at Micheokeley, Essex (Gt. Oakley), Wm. Erriswell, b. at Erriswell, Suffolk (Eriswell). John King, cardmaker b. at Burys, Essex (Bures). Robt. Sayer, b. at Hadley, Suffolk. 5, infra. John Sewall, b. at Shalford, Essex John Hervy, b. at Kirby. 5, extra. Austin Beryff, b. at Monksely, Suffolk (Monks Eleigh). Wm. Blyot, b. at Graysthorok, Essex (Grays Thurrock). Wm. Tomson, b. at Ne———,* Lincs. 6, infra. John Smyth, b. at Mukkylston, Staffs. (Muckleston). Wm. Brathercote, b. at Toppesfeld. 6, extra. John Gooche, b. at le Sokyn, co. Essex (in the Sokens). John Ednam, b. at Coventre (Coventry) co. Warwick. 11, extra. John Heyward, b. at Fysshertou, in com. Waltes (Fisherton, Wilts). 24, infra. John Brademan, b. at Walden parva, Herts (? Little Walden in Essex, a hamlet 2 miles N.N.E. of Saffron Walden.) John Batt, b. at Bekkynsfeld, Bucks (Beaconsfield).		
Folio 118 **1514-5.** BAILIFFS: JOHN SMALPECE. JOHN COLLE.	2, extra. Thos. Audeley, gentleman, b. at Earls Colne, Essex. John Barnabe, b. at Kirton, Lincs. John Payne, cooper, b. at Reddiswell, Essex (Ridgewell). 11, extra. Thos. Broke, b. at Harwich. Robt. Saloughe, b. at Gt. Bentley. 21, infra. James Godfrey, a German, b. at Rumyn, in Gylderland beyond the Sea. [This town is not identified].	9, extra. Writing of release of Robt. Downe, son and heir of Wm. Downe, of Colchester, gentleman, made to Thos. Cristemas, of Colchester, merchant, John Reynsforth, Knight, Wm. Pirton, Esquire, John Cristemas, jun., son of Thomas Cristemas, aforesaid, John Maykyn and John Smalpece. 15, infra. Deed of John Cristemas, of Colchester, senior, and Joan, his wife, formerly wife of Richard Knek, late of Colchester, made to Thos. Broke of Colchester, and Agnes, his wife, John Budde, William Budde, son of John Budde aforesaid, and others. 19, infra. General acquittance made by John Stone, of Colchester, to Robert Stephens, Esquire, of Colchester. 20, infra. Deed of John Appulton, of Peldon, and Joan, his wife, late wife of John Ropkyn, late of Colchester, made to Wm. Danyell, of	

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26, infra. Richd. Boloure, b. at Dedham. Thomas Lownde. 31, infra. John Arnold, b. at Colne Wake (Wakes Colne). Thos. Herry, alias Salman, b. at Chemsford, Essex (Chelmsford). Thos. Barker, b. at Long Melford. John Breton, b. at Yklyngham, Suffolk (Icklingham).	Colchester, wheelwright, Rose his wife, and others. 31, infra. Deed of Thos. Herry, alias Salman, and Margery, his wife.	

VISIT OF CATHERINE OF ARRAGON TO COLCHESTER. JUNE 7th, 1515.†

Memorandum, that in this year, in the vigil of Corpus Christi [Thursday after Whit Sunday], Katherine, Queen of England, with many ladies (dominabus) and very many nobles, came to Colchester, making a pilgrimage (iter peregre) as far as Walsyngham. And the Bailiffs aforesaid, the Aldermen, and many Burgesses met (obviavere) her at Lexden. The Bailiffs, carrying two maces *(claves) before her went as far as the Monastery of St. John, Colchester, and there she rested for the whole of Corpus Christi Day, on which day the Bailiffs and Aldermen offered her a purse and £10 of money, not because they were bound thereto by any custom (non quia ad illud aliqua consuetudine tenebantur), but as a memorial (in memoria) and as a greeting on her arrival. To whom she made a return (quibus ipsa (?) retulit)..[two words illegible]. And on the morrow, namely on Friday (die veneris), she rode as far as Bury St. Edmund's, and the Bailiffs, Aldermen, and Burgesses rode with her as far as their liberty of Mylend, the Bailiffs carrying maces (clavas) as above, and so as the pilgrimage aforesaid [about four words illegible].

[From this year the writing becomes more cramped in style and is less legible.]

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1515-6.
BAILIFFS:
THOS. CRISTEMAS.
JOHN REYGNOLD.

21, *Burgesses ejected and readmitted anew:—*
James Godfrey, Wm. Alegn, John Tovy.
3, Wm. Glover.
3, *Burgesses of the town made:—*
Thomas Cristemas, draper, b. at Bokkyng, Essex (Bocking)
John Holkott, b. at Exeter.
7, Wm. Fryday, b. at Chyngworth, Essex (Chigwell or Chingford.)
John Fakon, b. at Boxford.
17, John Mace, b. at Walton, Essex.
2, James Peerson, b. at Stanway.
Thos. Reveley, b. at Middilton, Northhumberland (Middleton.)
John Neve, b. at Stowmarket.
Wm. Mauncell, gentleman.

6, Deed of Rich. Kynet, and Matilda, his wife, made to Robt. Prynchet, and Isabel, his wife, and others.
Deed of Thos. Northen and Agnes, his wife, made to Henry Northen, his son, and others.
Deed of Wm. Reynold, and Alice, his wife, made to John Pygott, and others.
17. *New Rent.* Thomas Baker pays a rent of 1d. for an encroachment with posts and rails opposite his house in which he dwells.
19, Deed of Robert Feeld, and Joan, his wife, made to John Smyth, and others.
18, Grant for copy (Concessio pro copia) of Thomas Wellys of a certain shop parcel of a tenement late Christopher Tuysdale's for 21 years. Rent, 4s. a year.
18, Grant to Richard Nicholl, of two shops, parcel of the said tenement for 21 years. Rent 8s. a year.
19, Grant to Nicholas Attkyn, of one shop, parcel of the same tenement. Rent 4s.
18, Grant to Robt. Chapman, of another shop, parcel of the same. Rent 4s.
18. Grant to John Blakborne, of the high chamber (de alta camera) beyond the said shops. Rent 4s.
19, Deed of Margaret Brown, widow, made to John Fakon, and others.
19, Deed of John Wade, and Elizabeth, his wife, to John Ectour.
Memorandum. In this year the Bailiffs and commonalty granted to John Makyn, one of the Aldermen, 26s. 8d., beside the mill at New Hythe, until £16 10s. should have been paid, by deed bearing date 26th Sept., 8th Henry VIII (1516).
Memorandum, that in the same year was granted to John Clere, another of the Aldermen, 26s. 8d. beside (extra) the said mill, until £17

* Although the word "claves" is used, "clavas" seems to be intended, this being the word employed further on in the paragraph.

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		should have been paid to him, by deed of date aforesaid.	
Folio 119. **1516-7.** BAILIFFS: JOHN MAYKYN. JOHN CRYSTMAS.	1, John Messyng, b. at Maldon. 2, Thos. Mathewe, b. at London. 2, Thos. Gladwyn, b. at Branktre (Braintree) 17, extra. Thos. Preston	4, extra. Writing of release of John Reynold made to Wm. Robert, alias Wm. Sadyller. 12, infra. Deed of John Abraham and Joan, his wife, made to Philip Heyward, Robt. Northen, Thos. Clere and Thos. Nothak, jun. 12, infra. Writing of release of Thos. Bultell and Elizabeth, his wife, made to Wm. Nicholl, and Joan, his wife, Wm. Down, gentleman, Richd. Vyne, Thos. Nycholl, of Boxted Hall, John Facon, and Henry Paraunt. 16, infra. Deed of Edwd. Fraunces, citizen and merchant tailor of London, and Margaret, his wife, daughter of Henry Barker, made to Christopher Hamond and Ann, his wife, John Hamond, gentleman, George Hamond, clerk, Ambrose Lowth, and others, 16, infra. Deed of Robert Salowe and Margaret, his wife, made, with others, to John Patche, jun., and Matilda, his wife, John Patche, sen., Henry Patche, and others. 18, extra. Examination of William Holyer, of Colchester, "weredrawe" (wiredrawer), and Simon Dister, for an agreement (pro barganizacio), made to Adam Norman. MEMORANDUM, that on the 4th December, 8th Henry VIII (1516), we, John Maykyn and John Crystmas, Bailiffs of the town, at the instance of Thomas Bonham, Esquire, have seen all and singular deeds and writings as in the roll below written, as more fully appears in the Roll aforesaid, namely in Roll 24, infra.	
Dorse of Folio 119. **1517-8.** BAILIFFS: THOMAS CRYSTMAS. JOHN COGGYSHALL.	2, Robt. Horpole, b. at Manytre (Manningtree). Richd. Tye, b. at East Donyland. John Blaksall, b. at Bradfield (Bradwell has been first written and "feld" interpolated over the second syllable "well"). 9, John Turnour, b. at Messyng. James Pereson, b. at Banham, Suffolk. 14, extra. John Wheler, b. at Fratyng. John Cowper, b. at Fyngeryngho. 17, infra. Richd. Dorell, b. at Fyngeryngho.	8. Indenture between Henry Patiner, of London, draper, and Wm. Ball, of Colchester, fuller. Indenture between Henry Barker, late of Colchester, fuller, and Katherine, his wife, late wife of John Down. Deed of Wm. Balle, of Colchester, fuller, blood-relation and heir of Joan Bryan, widow, late of Colchester, made to Henry Patiner, Thomas Patiner, and others. Deed of Henry Barker, and Katharine his wife, made to Henry Patiner, Thos. Patiner, and others. 15, infra. Deed of Richard Harkyn and Emma, his wife, made to Thos. Audley and Christina, his wife, Thomas Barnardyston, Esquire, and others. 16, infra. Deed of Richard Harkyn and Emma, his wife, made to Thos. Barker, and Robert Barker, his brother, Thos. Salman, and others. 26, Deed of John Archer, of Lexden, yeoman, and Agnes, his wife, and others, made to John Draper. Deed of John and Agnes Archer aforesaid, and others, made to Richard Woode, "oder." Writing of release of Nicholas Atkyn, made to the said John and Agnes Archer, Thomas Bonham, Esquire, and others. 27, infra. Deed of Robert Thursteyn, draper, and Alice, his wife, made to Robt. Hont, of Ardley, and others. Deed of Alice Thursteyn, wife of Robt. Thursteyn and daughter of Matthew Rede, made to Richd. Spery. Indenture between Robt. and Alice Thursteyn of the one part and Robt. Hont.	

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Folio 120. **1518-9.** BAILIFFS: JOHN CLERE. JOHN COLL.	19, extra. Roger Godfrey, alien, b. at Marsag', in Lukelond. 20, infra. Richard Shebury, alien, b. at a town called Nomagen, in Gyldyrlond (Nimeguen in Gelderland).	10, extra. Deed of John Danyell and Joan, his wife, made to Thos. Flyngaunt, Alderman, and others. 16. Deed of John Forster, of Colchester, and Margaret, his wife, made to the said John and Joan Danyell, and others. 16, extra. Deed of John Forster of Colchester, miller, executor of the will of John Forster, his father, late of Colchester, in completion of of his executorship of the will aforesaid, made to James Northrop, of Colchester, and Marion, his wife, and others. Writing of release of John and Joan Danyell, aforesaid, to James and Marion Northrop, aforesaid. 16. Deed of James and Marion Northrop, of Colchester, made to Wm. Danon, of Colchester, weaver, and others. 20. infra. Deed of Richard Mason, and Joan, his wife, made to John Crystmas, jun., and others.	
Dorse of Folio 120. **1519-20.** BAILIFFS: THOS. CRYSTMAS. WM. DEBYNHAM.	1, extra. Richard Vyne was re-admitted to the freedom of the town and sworn a burgess, with the assent of the Bailiffs and Alderman and his fine is excused (perdonatur). 1, extra. Thomas Somer, b. at Branktre (Braintree). Robt. Saunderson, b. at Carlhull, Yorks. (Hull ?). 3, extra. Thomas Luke, b, at Eyrth, Hunts. Walter Vessy, b. at parva Wygbarough (LittleWigborough). Wm. Fowell, b. at Honesdon, Herts (Hunsdon). 4, extra. John Howe, baker, b. at Lanham, Suffolk (Lavenham or Langham). 8, infra. Michael Flye, b. in Braband (Brabant) at a town called Molde. 13, extra. John Farforth, clerk, b. at Boston, Lincs. 24, infra. Wm. Hubert, b. at Bramyard in com. Herford (Bramfield). 23, infra. Richd. Brampton, b. at Myldnall, Suffolk (Mildenhall).	11, extra. Deed of Robt. Page, of Lexden, and Elionora, his wife, made to John Maynard and Alice, his wife. 11, extra. Acquittance made by John Bosfield and Richard Harvy, Master of the Fraternity of the Mass of the Name of Jesus, made to Thomas Myller, of Colchester, clothmaker. 11, infra. Deed of Richd. Camond, clerk, and John Cowbrydge, sen., made to Thomas Myller, of Colchester, clothmaker, and Joan, his wife, and others; at the instance of Thos. Snowe and Ellen, his wife, executors of the will of Richd. Bryan. Writing of release. Deed of Thos. Snowe, of Colchester, tailor, and Ellen, his wife, made to Thos. and Joan Myller, aforesaid, and others. 16, infra. Deed of Thos. Ryveley and Margery, his wife, made to John Best and Margery, his wife, and others. 19, infra. Deed of Thomas Halsnothe, smith, and Margaret, his wife, made to John Coll, Alderman, and others. 21, infra. Deed of Richard Joyse, smith, and Joan, his wife, made to John Clere, Alderman, and others.	
Folio 121. **1520-1.** BAILIFFS: JOHN CLERE. JOHN COLL.	3, infra. Robt. Armyston b. at Dedham. John Vigorys, b. at Neylond. William Danon, b. at Horkysley.	1, extra. Release. Deed of John Holbrooke and Joan, his wife, daughter and heir of John Cowper, made to Wm. Jopson, Alderman. 3, extra. Deed of Wm. Lunewoode, alias Baker, and Joan, his wife, made to Isabel, wife of Wm. Taylour, glover.	

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		4, extra. Deed of John Hyll, cordwainer, and Elionora, his wife, made to Wm. Thursteyn, potter, and others. Deed of Henry Dale and Joan, his wife, late wife of Thos, Whetbrede, made to Thos. Thetford and Alice, his wife, and others. 18. Writing of release of John Crystmas, son of Thos. Crystmas, late of Colchester, deceased, made to Agnes Maykyn, late wife of Robt. Rokwode, with others. Deed of John Maykyn and Agnes, his wife, late wife of Robt. Rokwoode (*sic*), made to John Crystmas, and others. 18, extra. Concerning the absence of William Debnaham (*sic*), one of the ancient Bailiffs, on Michaelmas Day, from attendance (a pantea).* Fine of William Debenham, gentleman, for various opprobrious words towards John Clere and John Coll, Bailiffs of the town, in the Council Chamber (in Consil: Camer:) as appears in the same Roll. £5. 20, infra. Deed of Robt. Fraunces, butcher, and Joan, his wife, made to Thos. Pak. 20. Deed of Thos. Alarede, of Colchester, "laborer," and Alice, his wife, made to Henry Lyly, wheelwright, and others. 25, Lease. Deed of Wm. Thursteyn, potter, and Anastatia, his wife, made to John Heby and others. 27, extra. Resignation of Ambrose Lowthe, Alderman, on the 21st April, 12 Henry VIII. (1521), of all those lands and houses in the hands of the town, as more fully appears [in the Roll], which are in Madynborowe Strete, now demised to William Jopson, Alderman. Annual rent at Michaelmas, 2s.	
Dorse of Folio 121. **1521-2.** BAILIFFS: AMBROSE LOWTHE. WILLIAM JOPSON. JOHN SMYTH, *Chamberlain.*	1, extra. John Baryngton, b. at Somersham, Suffolk. 9, infra. John Maykyn, mariner, b. at Whightstaple, Kent (Whitstable). 15, infra. Robert Nelson, b. at Wakefeld, Yorks. 17, infra. Thos. Dybney, butcher, b. at Thetford. 20, extra. John Baker, b. at Elymsted (Elmstead). Thos. Sheperd, born in co. Gloucester.	1, extra. Fine of John Mytche, for resignation of office of Chamberlain, according to ancient custom, £3 6s. 8d. 8, infra. Deed of Robert Sayer, of Colchester, wiredrawer, and Joan, his wife, made to Richard Camownd, clerk, and others. 9, infra. Deed of John Spyne, of St. Osyth, made to William Halsnoth, gentleman, and others. 13, infra, Deed of Thomas Broke, of Colchester, and Agnes, his wife, made to Richard Emme, and Matilda, his wife, and others. 13, extra. Deed of William Buxton and Grace, his wife, late wife of Thomas Wellys, while he lived in Colchester, butcher, made to William Thomson and Juliana, his wife, and others. 23, infra (?) Indenture made between Robt. Armyston and Joan, his wife, of the one part, and Thos. Dybney, of Colchester, butcher, of the other part. 23, infra. Deed of Robt. Armyston, of Colchester, clothmaker, and Joan, his wife, made to Thos. Dybney, butcher, and Amice, his wife, and others. 23, extra. Deed of John Baddyng and Margaret, his wife, made to Thos. Flyngaunt, and others. 24. Deed of John Hekford, jun,, and Margaret, his wife, made to Thos. Cok, and others. 26, infra. Deed of Thos. Gladwyn, of Colchester, and Margaret, his wife, made to Hugh Isaak, and others. 26. Indenture made between Richd. Barker, son of Richard Barker, and William Cratcherote. 26, extra. Deed of Thos. Perker, weaver, and Margaret, his wife, made to Wm. Thursteyn, of Colchester, potter, and others.	

* A pantea. I am unable to translate this. Presumably the out-going Bailiff had failed to attend some function of importance. The scribe may have intended to write "ac antea," *i.e.* "and before that date."

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Folio 122. **1522-3.** BAILIFFS: JOHN BRADMAN. THOS. FLYNGAUNT.	1, extra. William Northey, b. at Bradwell, Essex. Geoffrey Colett, b. at Burton-upon-Trent. Hugh Pygge, b. at Lyncoln. 3, extra. Robt. Rouse, b. at Bury St. Edmund's. Wm. Danyell, wheelwright, b. at Baythorn, Suffolk. 5, infra. William Bekett, b. at Arwarton, Suffolk (Ewarton). 11, infra. John Hayle, b. in the City of London. John Coltman, b. at Thaxsted (Essex). John Lambs, b. at Hadley, Suffolk, (Hadleigh). 15, infra. Harman Haryson [b.] at Nice in the diocese of Coleyn. 19, infra. John Norman, b. at Codnaham, Suffolk (Coddenham). 21, extra. Nicholas Wylbore, b. at Medylton, Yorks. John Cackowe, b. at East Donylond.	15, extra. Deed of Thomas Thetford, of Cavendyshe, Suffolk, late of Colchester, and Alice, his wife, made to John Wysedon, otherwise called John Arlyngton, and others. 22, Release. Deed of Henry Webbe, son and heir of Henry Webbe, late of Colchester, clothmaker, made to John Coll, Alderman, and Margaret, his wife, and others. 23, Arbitration between John Clere, Alderman, and John Coll, Alderman.	
Dorse of Folio 122. **1523-4.** BAILIFFS: JOHN MAYKYN. JOHN COLL.	1, John Croudon, b, at Maldon. John Fyrley, b. at Alsford (Alresford). Thomas Bogas, b, at Boxford. 2. John Mathewe, b. at Newbokyngham, Norfolk (New Buckenham).	4, extra. Deed of William Damyon and Alice, his wife, made to Katherine, wife of Dominick Rychardson, and others. [*In English.*] A Supplicacon of John Tovy, sen., to Master Baylyffs for his fredom and hys Readmyssyon as apperyth Rotulo iiij to. [*Latin.*] 8. Deed of Release of John Bardfeld, sen., and Katherine, his wife, daughter of Robert Cowbredege, made to John Norman and Joan, his wife, and others. [*English.*] 4. A graunt of John Person to Robert Ford, sen., gentleman, for an Evys droppe and a watyr fall. [*Latin.*] 12, Deed of Henry Fennyng and Gertrude, his wife, made to John Danyell and others. 10, infra. Deed of Robt. Rowse and Agnes, his wife, made to Hugh Fedyrston, and others. 10, infra. Deed of John Hely and Juliana, his wife, made to John Weyn, of Colchester, clerk, and others. 10, extra. Deed of Thomas Ryveley and Margery, his wife, made to John Best and Margery, his wife, and others. 8, infra. Deed of William Buxton, and Grace, his wife, made to John Patmer, Thos. Dybney, and others.	

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		8, extra. Writing of release of John Crystmas, jun., made to John Heron and others. Deed of Robt. Everard, son and heir of Katherine Everard, made to John Crystmas, Esquire, and others. Deed of Miles Dawson and Christina, his wife, made to Andrew Fuller and Agnes, his wife, and others. 11, infra. Deed of John Stubbys and Agnes, his wife, made to Robt. Christofer and Christina, his wife, and others.	
Folio 123. **1524-5.** BAILIFFS: JOHN CLERE. JOHN COGGYSHALL.	1, infra. Wm. Nycholl, b. at Lexden. 2, extra. John Lytell, b. at Pedmershe (Pebmarsh). Wm. Hyll, b. at Cleydon, Essex (Claydon). John Bykner, b. at Gosfeld (Gosfield).	20, infra. Deed of Hugh Pyge and Ann, his wife, made to John Crystmas, Esquire, and others. 21. Deed of Richard Syllys, of Colchester, wheelwright, and Margaret, his wife, made to John Kyndyll, of Copford, "husbondman," and others. 11, infra. Deed of John Stubbys and Agnes, his wife, made to Thos. Wade and Margaret, his wife, and others.	
Dorse of Folio 123. **1525-6.** BAILIFFS: JOHN CRYSTMAS. CHRISTOPHER HAMONDE.	20. John Fawnte, b. at Rodmersham, Kent. Robt. Spencer, b. at Roydon, Suffolk. Thomas Vytell, b. at Tenderyng, Essex (Tendring). Thos. Gosnold, b. at Boxted. John Toyse, b. at Ratyllysden, Suffolk (Rattlesden). Thos. Cosse, b. at Ipswich. Henry Thorpe, b. at Dedham.	6, infra. Deed of Richard Harkyn, sen., and Emma, his wife, made to William Renny, clerk. 5. Writing of release of John Baker, and Agnes, his wife, made to Richd. Thorpe. 12, infra. Deed of Thomas Luke, of Colchester, "surgoyn" (surgeon), and Agnes, his wife, made to John Wysdom, of Colchester, "peynter," and Agnes, his wife, and others. 21, infra. Deed of John Maykyn, Alderman, and Agnes, his wife, made to John Howe, and Margaret, his wife, and others. 16. Deed of Richd. Belour, of Colchester, clothmaker, and Margaret, his wife, made to Thos. Lylyebyght, and others. 20. Deed of Thomas Audley, gentleman, made to John Cooke, and others. 20, infra. Writing of release of Marion Northon, widow, made to John Cooke, and others. 22, infra. Deed of John Lambe, of Colchester, carpenter, and Isabel, his wife, made to John Fennyng, and others. 18, infra. Deed of John Rawlyns, of Colchester, yeoman, and Alice, his wife, made to John Pollard, sen., and Alice, his wife, and others. 20, infra. Deed of Thos. Flyngaunt, Philip Heyward, John Neve, and Thos. Mathew, made to Thos. Myller, and others.	
Folio 124. **1526-7.** BAILIFFS: AMBROSE LOWTHE. JOHN NEVE.	3. Thos. Watson, b. at London. Robert Smyth, b. at Gedlyng, Notts. (Gedling). 10. William Eden, b. at Elmysted (Elmstead). 10. John Patche, b. at Ardley (Ardleigh). 10. Thos. Beryngham, b. at Barkyng. 10. Robt. Wyat, b. at Moose, Essex (Moze, now Beaumont-cum-Moze).	3 (?). Deed of John Lynsey and Alice, his wife, made to Wm. Leyghton, and others. 12. Deed of James Aleyn, son of George Aleyn, made to John Smalpece, and others. Release and acquittance of Henry Aleyn, made to John Page and Alice, his wife. Obligation, with condition, made by Henry Aleyn to John Smalpece, John Page, and Alice, his wife. Indenture made between Henry Aleyn of the one part, and John and Alice Page, of the other. Deed of Henry Aleyn, son and heir of George Aleyn, made to John and Alice Page, and others. Writing of release of Henry Aleyn made to John and Alice Page, and others. 4, infra. Deed of John Lovekyn and Isabel, his wife, made to John Ryche, and others. Deed of John Lambe and Alice, his wife, made to Thos. Northen and Joan, his wife, and others. Indenture between John and Alice Lambe and Richd. Cooke of the one part, and Thos. and Joan Northen, of the other.	12, James Aleyn.

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		Deed of Robt. Lambe and Isabel, his wife, made to John Fennyng.	
Dorse of Folio 124. **1527-8.** BAILIFFS: THOS. FLYNGAUNT. JOHN SMALPECE.	Thomas Halsnothe, b. at Harysam, Kent (Harrietsham). Richard Scotte, b. at Salflete Haven, Lincs. (Saltfleet Haven). Giles Barwyk, b. at Snetysham, Norfolk (Snettisham). Thos. Fretsham, b. at Hartest, Suffolk. Thos. Hall, born at Wightstaple, Kent (Whitstable). Thos. Colbrond, b. at Langham, Suffolk.	8, infra. Deed of Wm. Thomson and Juliana, his wife, made to Robt. Leche, and others. Deed of Christopher Hamont, gentleman, and Ann, his wife, made to John Harry, and others. 9, infra. Deed of John Howe, baker, and Richd. Cooke, at instance of Hugh Pygge and Ann, his wife, made to Wm. Leighton, and others. 13, infra. Deed of Robt. Gosse, of Lexden, and Joan, his wife, daughter and heir of John Cowper and Agnes, his wife, daughter and heir of John Nycholl, late, while he lived, of Lexden, made to Thomas Bonham, Esquire, and Katherine, his wife, and others. 16, infra. General acquittance by Robert Gardiner, son and heir of Robert Gardyner, of Colchester, pewterer, made to Richard Anthony, gentleman, administrator of the goods and chattels of the aforesaid Robert Gardyner, father of the aforesaid Robert, 12, infra. Deed of Robt. Abell, of Colchester, cordwainer (allutarii) and Gertrude, his wife, made to Thos. Perker. 12, extra. Deed of Christopher Hamond, gentleman, and Ann, his wife, made to Thos. Flyngaunt, and others.	
Folio 125. **1528-9.** BAILIFFS: JOHN MAYKYN. JOHN COKSALL.	2, extra, Richard Robert b. at Higham, Suffolk. John Janekyn, b. at Cardyth in Sowthwalli (Cardiff, S. Wales). John Wylbore, b. at Rusten, Yorks (Ruston).	10, Deed of Thos. Ward, of Copford, and Margaret, his wife, made to Robert Christofer and Christina, his wife, and others. 12, infra. Deed of Thomas Baryngton, sen., and Ann, his wife, made to William Snellyng and Agnes, his wife, and others. 15, infra. Deed of Thos. Bogas and Margaret, his wife, made to Wm. Motton and Alice, his wife, and others. 15. Letter of Attorney made by Wm. Landemer and Margaret, his wife, to John Draper, to use (ad usum) for Culpak and Isabel, his wife, and others. 16, infra. Deed of John Nicholl and Ann, his wife, made to Robt. Lound, clerk. Deed of John and Ann Nicholl made to Robert Sound clerk. 16, extra. Deed of Roger Lysse, of Colchester, tyler, and Katherine, his wife, made to John Carter and others. 17, infra. Release by Wm. Thompson and Juliana, his wife, to Philip Hull, of Norwn (?) and John Chaundeler. 17. Deed of Robert Hodyll, fletcher, and Alice, his wife, made to John Cowper and others. 22, Deed of Wm. Beket, of Colchester, clothmaker, and Emma, his wife, made to John Coksall. 22, Deed of John Benett, of Tollysbury and Margaret, his wife, made to Richd. Cooke and others. 24. Deed of John Patche, jun., and Matilda, his wife, made to Robt. Northon, of Myland, and Katherine, his wife, and others. Release by John Nicholl and Ann, his wife, made to Thomas Audley, gentleman.	
Dorse of Folio 125. **1529-1530.** BAILIFFS: JOHN COLL. WILLIAM BEKET.	1, extra, John Reynysforth, Knght, b. at Bardfield, Essex. Richard Anthony, gentleman, b. at St. Giles in Campo, Devonshire (St. Giles in the Wood). Richd. Ryche, gen-	8, infra. Deed of Humphrey Conyngysby, one of the Justices of King's Bench, by the name of Humphrey Conyngysby, gentleman, at special request of Edward Harte, blood-relation and next heir to William Herte (*sic*), sen., made to John Churche, of Colchester, barber, and others. Deed of John Lambe, of Colchester, and Alice, his wife, made to John Crystmas, Esquire, of Colchester, and others.	

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	tleman, b. at Basyngstoke, Hants. John Seyntclere, Esquire, b. at St. Osyth. Thos. Forde, b. at Dedham. Robert Donnyng, b. at West Mersey.	8, extra. Deed of Edward Harte, citizen and merchant, of London, blood-relation and heir of Robert Harte, citizen and merchant tailor of London, made to John Man, of Dedham, and others. Deed of Wm. Gryffythe and Marion, his wife, made to Robt. Leche and others. 10, infra. Release made by Christopher Hamount, gentleman, to Thos. Bonham, Esquire, and Katherine, wife and others. 11. Deed to John Mathewe, of Colchester, glover, and Agnes, his wife, made to Thos. Pak and others. 11, infra. Deed of John Dale, of Colchester, tanner, and Joan, his wife, made to John Fennyng, sen., and others. 11. Deed of John Lyard—son and heir of John Lyard, plumber—John Payne, barber, and Alice, his wife—late wife of John Lyard, plumber, aforesaid—made to Thomas Barnardyston, Esquire, and others. 17, infra. Deed of Wm. Snellyng and Agnes, his wife, made to Thos. Flyngaunt, Alderman, and others. 17. Writing of release of John Clere, of Colchester, and Joan, his wife, daughter of Wm. Ryche, deceased, made to Thos. Ryche, and others. 17, extra. Deed of Robt. Flyngaunt, of Colchester, bachelor, made to Wm. Aleyn, of Colchester, mariner, and Marion Wesden, and others. Indenture of Katherine Johnson, widow, made to Clerke, "jaylour."	
Folio 126. **1530-1.** BAILIFFS: Ambrose Lowthe. John Neve.	9, extra. Wm. Wellys, b. at Chelmysford.	6, infra. Deed of John Beste and Margaret, his wife, made to Thos. Bogas and Margaret, his wife, and others. 6, extra. Deed of John Stubbys made to Margaret Cowbredge, widow, enrolled at the instance of the said Margaret. Deed of Drugo Pygot and Joan, his wife, made to Thos. Wynnethe and Clara, his wife. 10, infra. Indenture of agreement (Indentura conventus) made by Henry Bedford and Margery, his wife, to Robert Leech. 10, extra. Writing of release of Edmund Johnson, son and heir of Adrian Johnson, and Ann, his wife, made to Ann Johnson, late wife of Adrian Johnson, and others. 10, extra. General acquittance by the said Edmund Johnson made to John Nycholl and Ann, his wife. 15, extra. Deed of Wm. Thomson, butcher, and Juliana, his wife, made to Wm. Hodd and Joan his wife, and others. 15, infra. Deed of Joan Tye, widow, made to Robt. Barton and others, enrolled at the instance of John Cakho. 20, infra. Deed of Lawrence Clobber, made to John Rolfe and others, enrolled at the instance of John Rolfe. Deed of Robt. Gosse, of Lexden, and Joan, his wife, made to Thos. Bonham, Esquire, and Katherine, his wife, and others. 20. Deed of Robt. Huet, of Colchester, made to John Beste, sen., and Margery, his wife, enrolled at the instance of the said John and Margery.	
Dorse of Folio 126. **1531-2.** BAILIFFS: John Crystmas. John Maykyn.	3. John Landysdale, b. at Erlysham, Suffolk (Earlsham). 5. John Bogas, b. at Dedham.	12. Deed of John Davy, jun., and Alice, his wife, made to Robt. Armyston, and others. 13. Deed of John Smythe of Colchester, mariner, and Joan, his wife, made to Thos. Clerke of Wevynho and John Holond.	

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	14. Peter Hawke, alien, born in "Geldyr" (Gelderland). 3, extra. John Landysdale, b. at Erlsham, Suffolk (Earlsham). [A note over this entry states: "Vacat hic quia antea."]* 20, infra. Peter Isaak. b. at Pedmerssh, Suffolk (? Pebmarsh, Essex). Henry Taylecote, b. at Cotom, co. Warwick. Robt. Roger, b. at Cotom, co. Warwick. Wm. Brown, b. at Mellys, Suffolk (Mellis). Wm. Mylborn, b. at Long Melford. 23, infra. Adam Harwode, b. at Blackborn, Lancs. (Blackburn). Wm. Hutton, b. at Chessham, Bucks.	Deed of John Howes and Katherine, his wife, made to Thos. Baryngton, of Colchester, glover, and Avice, his wife.	
Folio 127. **1352-3.** BAILIFFS: JOHN CLERE. THOS. COK.	1, extra. Thomas Tey, gentleman, b. in the City of London. Richd. Duke, gentleman, b. at Bridley, Devon. John Pye, b. at Little Clacton. Deryke Stephynson, b. in the country called Herne in the parts beyond the seas (? Hoorn, Holland). Wm. Squyer, b. at Halstede. John Nycholl, b. at Henyngham apud Castrum (Hedingham Castle). William, b. at Ardley. [no surname mentioned]. John Godfrey, b. at Colbrok, Hants (? Colebrook). Michael Sherdhous, b. at Borneve Rase, Brittany (?Bourgneuf)	7, extra. Deed of John Lylywhyte and Margaret, his wife, made to Giles Barwyk and others. 16, infra. Deed of John Mace, jun., grocer, and Alice, his wife, made to Wm. Motte and Joan, his wife, and others. 18. Deed of Edward Wastlyn and Joan, his wife, made to Wm. Clerk. 20, infra. Deed of John Joly and Katherine, his wife, made to Michael Sherdhous and Joan, his wife, and others. 22, infra. Deed of Robt. Buxton and Emma, his wife, made to John Janekyn, draper, and others.	
Dorse of Folio 127. **1533-4.** BAILIFFS: THOS. FLYNGAUNT. JOHN SMALPECE.	20, extra. John Newman, b. at Donmowe, Essex (Dunmow). 26, extra. John Stephyn, b. at Dedham. Thos. Love, sen., b. at Lytell Corner, Suffolk (Little Cornard). Wm. Clercher, b. at Coggyshall. Thos. Cutteler, b. at Hadleigh.	10, infra. Deed of Thos. Pave of Ardley and Agnes, his wife, made to John Malyn and others. 14. Deed of John Bryggs, alias Patmer, and Margaret, his wife, made to Thos. Dybney and others. 17, infra. Deed of Wm. Thursteyn, tilemaker, and Joan, his wife, made to Robt. Undyrwoode, and others. Deed of Thos. Meryfelde and Christina, his wife, viz., a writing of release made to Ambrose Lowthe, Alderman and others, of St. Leonard's parish, Colchester. 17, extra. Deed of Adam Harwoode and Joan, his	

* "Void because previously entered." See Roll 3 of same year.

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	Barth. Cowhaye, b. at Dedham. Thos. Reve, b. at Matchyng, Essex.	wife, made to Wm. Wylknyson and Ann, his wife, and others. 23, infra. Deed of John Hodge of East Mersey, and Alice, his wife, made to John Broke and others. Deed of Robt. Smythe, of Colchester, clothmaker, and Alice, his wife, made to Henry Webbe and others. 24, infra. Deed of Wm. Motton of Norwich, "peynter," and Alice, his wife, made to Thos. Smyth of Colchester, "talowe chaundeler," and Marion, his wife, and others. 24, extra. Deed of the same Wm. and Alice Motton, made to Robt. Burges and others. 26, extra. Release of Robt. Smythe, of Colchester, clothmaker, and Alice, his wife, made to Henry Webbe, and others,	
Folio 128. **1534-5.** BAILIFFS: JOHN COOLE. WM. BECKET.	10. John Sperling. John Tylly. Richd. Myche. John May. Henry Herryson. Robt. Mathewe. John Fervent. John Wood. Thomas Audeley. Henry Pascall.	3. Deed of Margaret Cowbridge, widow, and others, made to Robt. Saunderson. Deed of Wm. Griffith and others, made to Thos. Berker and Alice, his wife. Deed of the said Thomas and Alice, made to Thos. Modon and others. Deed of John Danyell and wife, made to Katherine Holond. Deed of John Hollond and wife, made to John Clere and others. 7. Deed of John Mace and wife, made to John Mace, sen., and others. Deed of Thos. Stanton made to Thos. Meyne and others. Deed of John Coke made to John Mace, sen., and others. Deed of John Wade made to Richard Robert, with Wade's wife (cum uxore Wade). 8. Deed of Thos. Nuttacke and wife, made to John Coxsall. Deed of Henry Pyggesley and wife, made to Thos. Brown. 9. Deed of Wm. Buxton, made to John Mace and Alice, his wife. Deed of John Mace and wife, made to John Coole. Deed of John Stone and wife, made to Richd. Abbott. Deed of John Smyth and wife, made to Thos. Whyte. 10. Deed of Roger Merten, made to Richd. Berker. Indenture of John Hollond, made to John Danyell.	7. Joan Hewet. John Crystemas. 10. Richd. Berker. John Vertue.
1535-6. BAILIFFS: JOHN CRYSTEMAS, Esq. JOHN NEVE.		3. Deed of John Vaugham and wife, made to Richd. Duke, gentleman. Deed of Richd. Duke, made to John Crystemas. Deed of John Bowles and wife, made to John Rolf. Deed of John Vaugham and wife, made to Richd. Duke. 4. Deed of Edwd. Waslyn and wife, made to Richd. Buller. Deed of Robt. Lambe and wife, made to Richd. Brome. Deed of Philip Heyward and wife, made to John Carter. Deed of Hugh Pygge and wife, made to Richd. Herdekyn.	
Dorse of Folio 128.	[4?] John Dyxe. James Rygge. Wm. Cornewell. Richd. Northey. Alex. Tompson. John Gernett. Thos. Denmarke. Gregory Ford. Stephen Craske.		

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1536-7. BAILIFFS: JOHN CLERE. THOS. FLYNGAUNT. THOMAS REYNOLDS, *Chamberlain.*	11?] John Carter. John Byrde. Robt. Lymmyng. Nicholas Stevenson. Stephen Moresmyth. Wm. Bate. Robt. Sherrerd. John Perle. Richard Knolls.	3. Deed of John Grove and wife, made to Thos. Flyngaunt. Deed of Thomas Audley, Lord Chancellor of England, made to Thos. Flyngaunt. 4. Deed of John Clere, made to Thos. Smyth. Deed of Henry Vynter and wife, made to John Merell. Deed of John Reynold, made to Edmund Troman. 5. Deed of Deryck Clerk (Clerici), made to Richard Duke, gentleman, and others. Deed of Simon Rychardson and wife, made to Richd. Cooke. Deed of Richd. Duke, made to George Sayer. 10. Deed of Robt. Christopher and wife, made to Wm. Buxston. Deed of John Gurden, clerk, made to John Crystemas. 11. Deed of Wm. Bosom and wife, made to Edwd. Sydey. Deed of John Vaugham and wife, made to Austin Beryf. Deed of Vicars and wife, made to Buxston. 9. Indenture of Wm. Bonham, made to John Bernabe, gentleman. 11. Indenture of Wm. Bosom, made to Edward Sydey.	
1537-8. BAILIFFS: ROBT. BROUN. WM. THURSTEYN. GEORGE SAYER, *Chamberlain.*	[13?] Robt. George. Robt. Colyngwood. James Mannyng, b. at Gt. Tey. Wm. Browne, b. at Allresford. Nicholas Wood, b. at Sutton, Suffolk. Richard Cesyn, b. Elmedon, Essex. John Damsell, b. at Kersey, Suffolk. Wynkyn Grenerise, b. in Gilderland (Gelderland). Wm. Wyseman, b. at Rinklinghale (Ricklinghall). Wm. Reve, b. at Heigh Ester (High Easter). Nicholas Payne, b. at Hokham, Norfolk (Hockham).	5. Deed of Wm. Ive, made to John Janekyn. 6. Deed of Wm. Leighton, made to Wm. Marison. Deed of Wm. Gylbanke, made to John Pycas. Deed of Wm. Gylbanke, made to Wm. Hutton. Deed of John Lyllywhyte and wife, made to Richd. Cook. Deed of John Whitehed, made to Thos Dybney. 8. Deed of Thomas Audeley, Lord Chancellor of England, and his wife, made to Richd. Duke. Deed of James Coo and wife, made to Robert Christopher. 9. Deed of Thos. Love, made to Andrew Coole. Deed of Robt. Nelson, made to John Merten. Deed of John Archer, made to John Merten. Deed of Joan Leighton, widow, made to Richard Duke. 14. Deed of Wm. Maryson, made to Robert Christopher. Deed of Alice Gerden, made to John Cristemas. Deed of Wm. Wells, made to Wm. Wylliamson. 5. Release of John Reynold, made to Wm. Pod. 11. Letter of Attorney of Richd. Duke, gentleman, made to John Nott. 13. Letter testimonial or arbitration between Stone and Underwood.	11. William Leighton.
Folio 129. **1538-9.** BAILIFFS: JOHN CRYSTEMAS, Esq. THOS. COKKE. JOHN BALL, *Chamberlain.*		3. Deed of Thomas Symond, made to T.* Buxton. Deed of Thos. Buxton, made to Stephen Craske. 4. Deed of Robt. Northen, made to Barth. Cowey. Deed of Wm. Mason, made to Richd. Hampbyn. 6. Deed of Wm. Wells, made to Wm. Mott. Deed of Wm. Mott to Wm. Wells. 9. Deed of Thomas Buxston, made to Winkin Greneryse. Deed of Thos. Nuctacke, made to John Jakes. Deed of Nicholas Wood, made to John Borell. 6. Release of Thos. Turnour, made to Robt. Meynerd. A like release. 12. Deed of Wm. Welles and Margaret, his wife, made to Robt. Mathew. Deed of Robt. Mathew to Wm. and Margaret Welles. 3. Grant of John Christmas and Thos. Cocke, Bailiffs, of a certain parcel of land lying in Maydenborough Street, made to Richd. Spery. Annual rent, 12d. at Michaelmas.	

*Early and unusual instance of the use of an initial in place of the Christian name.

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1539-1540. BAILIFFS: JOHN NEVE. ROBT. LECHE. BENJAMIN CLERE, *Chamberlain.*		4. Deed of Thos. Reynold and Thos. Sheperde, made to Geo. Herrison and Margaret, his mother. Deed of John Christmas, Esquire, made to Raphael Fynche. 7. Deed of John Smyth and Joan, his wife, made to John Couper and John Maykyn. Deed by Couper and Maykyn to Smyth and wife. 7. Deed of John Mace and Alice, his wife, and others, made to Wm. Browne and Joan, his wife. 8. Deed of John and Alice Mace and others to Wm. and Joan Browne. Another like deed. Deed of Nicholas Wylbore and Margaret, his wife, made to Richd. Combe and Alice, his wife. Deed of Raphael Finche and Matilda, his wife, and others, made to Robt. Colman of Stoke Neylond. Deed of Andrew Fuller and Agnes, his wife, and others, made to John Prior, labourer. 14. Deed of Wm. Aldouse, made to Thos. Porter, of Tendring, Deed of George Horsman and Frances, his wife, made to Richd. Weston, gent. 15. Arbitration between John Lyng and Alice, his wife, and John Pollard. 16. Deed of William Welles, made to Robert Browne, grocer, and Wm. Mott, barber. Deed of Browne and Mott aforesaid to Wm. Welles and Jane Syday. 17. Indenture of John Clere and Thos. Flyngaunt, made to Robt. Northen, of Milend Hall.	
Dorse of Folio 129.	Ambrose Louth & John Louth lost their freedoms (amiserunt libertates). John Davy, alias Apprice, b. at Gt. Birche. John Tomson, b. at Great Okeley. Richd. Colbrond, at Carsey, Suffolk (Kersey). Liberty (Libertus) Waggen, b. at London. Anthony Chamberlen, b. at Branktre (Braintree). Stephen Peryman, b. at Feversham, Kent. Robt. Porter, b. at Tendryng. John Gynes, b. at Bromfeld, Essex. His fine is allowed him for his service this year. (Finis ejus allocatur ei pro servicio suo hoc anno.)	Deed of John Holond and Katherine, his wife, made to John Warner. Deed of William Bonham, Esquire, made to John Barnabe, gent. Release of William Bonham to John Barnabe.	
1540-1. BAILIFFS: AUSTIN BERIFF. GEORGE SAYER. Which AUSTIN BERIFF on account of infirmity		4. Deed of Ann Brokke, widow, made to John Christmas, Esquire. Deed of Richd. Sylles and Margaret, his wife, made to John Lucas, Esquire. General acquittance or release of John Barker, mariner, made to John Rolfe, of St. Osyth, miller.	

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(proper debilitatem) was unable to follow his office; wherefore by his own free will he resigned his office into the hands of the town. Whereupon, viz. on the 22nd November the burgesses of the town elected THOMAS FLYNGAUNT in his place. And later on the said THOMAS FLYNGAUNT died. And then, viz. on the 20th. Jan., the Burgesses elected JOHN CHRISTMAS, Esquire. THOMAS DYBNEY, *Chamberlain.*		Deed of John Dawbeney, made to John Casour of Roversty. Release of the same John Dawbeney, made to John Casour. Deed of Martin Browne, clothier, made to John Fissher. Deed of Wm. Buxton, chandler, and Margaret, his wife, made to Wm. Aldouse. 8. Deed of Louis Kempe, gent., and Agnes, his wife, made to Stephen Craske and Olive, his wife. Deed of Thos. Watson and others, made to Ralph Finche and Matilda, his wife. Deed of Joan Dale, widow, and others, made to Philip Heyward, of Stratford, and Agnes, his wife. Deed of John Johnson, shoemaker, and Alice, his wife, made to James Godfrey and others. Release of Alice Johnson, Richd. Ross, clerk, and Wm. Hodge, made to James Godfrey and others. 10. Deed of John Gilson, shearman, and Katherine, his wife, made to Wm. Chace, tailor, and Joan, his wife. Deed of John Jakes, citizen and merchant of London, made to Richard Roberd and Margaret, his wife.	
Folio 130.	Wm. Hoy, b. at at Albury, Essex. Gregory Foox, b. at Peldon, draper. John Calveley, b. at Banbury, Cheshire, tailor. John Cradock, b. at Dedham, clothier.	Deed of Robt. Leche and others, made to Richard Roberd and Margaret, his wife. Release of Robert Leche, made to the same. Deed of Robt. Stampe, yeoman, and Joan, his wife, made to John Damsell and Joan, his wife. 13. Deed to John Barnet, turner, made to Richd. Cosyn. Deed of George Seyer and Agnes, his wife, and others, made to Wm. Bate and Margaret, his wife. Deed of John Wisedome and Agnes, his wife, made to Richd. Cosyn. A like deed. Release of Alice Cooke, widow, made to Thos. Love, of Boxted. 17. Deed of John Sperlyng and Joan, his wife, made to John Turnour, of Bures St. Mary. Deed of Benjamin Clere, Alderman, made to Henry Thorpe, weaver, and Margaret, his wife. Deed of Wm. Mawson and Elizabeth, his wife, made to Richd. Marten and Agnes, hiy wife. 18. Deed of John Lillywhite and Agnes, his wife, made to Thos. Pye and Joan, his wife. Deed of John Golder, gent., and Anastatia, his wife, made to Robt. Lambe, carpenter. 19. Deed of George Alen, gent., made to the parishioners of St. Leonard, at New Hythe, Deed of Thos. Myller, of Subbinton, Hants (Stubbington), made to John Culpak, "carier." 20. Deed of Thomas Boggas, beer-brewer, and Margaret, his wife, and others, made to Robt. Cock, "ludimagistro" (schoolmaster).	
1541-2. BAILIFFS: BENJAMIN CLERE. ROBT. BROWNE, jun. RALPH FINCH, *Chamberlain.*		5. Deed of John Damsell, made to Thos. Romston, of Manytre (Manningtree), gent., and Joan, his wife, and others. Deed of Bartholomew Cowey and Joan, his wife, made to John Pecok of Coksall (Coggeshall), clothier. Indenture of Wm. Bonham, Esquire, made to Richd. Cosyn. 6. Deed of John Breton, gent., and Joan, his wife, late wife of John Vertue, clothier, made to Wm. Halke. Deed of Wm. Halke, made to John and Joan Breton and others.	5. William Lenyng, citizen & merchant tailor, London. 6. John Vertue, clothier, Joan Breton, widow.

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		7. Deed of Henry Tey, Knight, William Tey, his brother, and others, made to Wm. Ripon, clerk, and Richd. Cooke. Deed of the said Ripon and Cooke, made to Thos. Christmas, jun. Deed of Thos. Christmas, jun., and others, made to John Christmas and Christina, his wife. 9. Deed of John Barington and Margaret, his wife, and others, made to John Wheeler, bachelor. Deed of Richd. Tilden, of Ipswich, made to John Flingaunt, of Woodbridge, and others. Deed of Alice and Charles, widow, made to Wm. Brokehooke, of Boxted. Deed of John Christmas, Esquire, and Mariela, his wife, made to John Beryf and Joan, his wife. 12. *Gaol Delivery in le Motehall.* 14. Deed of John Abell, shearman, and Joan, his wife, and others, made to Wm. Thursten, Alderman, and Anastatia, his wife. Deed of John Golder, gent., and Anastatia, his wife, made to John Christmas, Esquire. Deed of Richd. Godfrey and Marion, his wife, made to John Clerke.	
Dorse of Folio 130.	William Aldouse, b. at Mendilsham, yeoman (Mendlesham). Arthur Boyde, b. at Milfeld in com. Glendall, in Northumberland, butcher (Millfield, near Flodden Field). Wm. Robertson, b. at Elvyngton, Yorks. John Park, b. at Rowley, Staffs. Robt. Lambert, b. at Walferswik, Suffolk (Wolberswick). John Coksall, b. at Seynt Osis (St. Osyth). John Andrewse, b. at Munden, Herts. Gilbert Turll, b. at Wyton, Norfolk (Wighton). Thos. Sey, b. at Aberton (Abberton). Robt. Northen, b. at Ardeley (Ardleigh). Wm. Peverell, b. at Hadley, Suffolk (Hadleigh). Francis Wulfe, b. at Barrow in Braband (? Baarloos). John Love, b. at Bramfeld, Suffolk (Bramfield). John Clampe, b. at Colchester. John Flingant, b. in St. James's parish. Wm. Barret, b. in St. James's parish. Robt. Vincent, b in St. Giles's parish.	16. Deed of Anthony Jeames, made to Ralph (Rapho) Birkenhede, gent. Deed of Wm. Bonham, Esquire, made to George Seyer, Alderman. 19. Indenture of Richd. Rede, made to George Alen, of Rayleigh, gent. Deed of Henry Herrison and others, made to John Welles of Totham parva, and to John Welles, his eldest son (filio suo seniori). 24. Deed of John Golder, gent., and Anastatia, his wife, made to John Lucas, gent., John Christmas, Esquire, and John Warner, clerk.	
1542-3. BAILIFFS: THOS. COCK. WM. BUXTON.		6, infra. Deed of Wm. Reynold and Ann, his wife, and others, made to Robt. Rowse, gent. 6, extra. Deed of John Golder, gent., and Anastatia,	12. John Smalpece, Alderman [of All Saints' Parish.*]

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THOS. PAK, *Chamberlain.*		his wife, made to Robt. Rowse, gent., and Agnes, his wife. Deed of Robt. Mathewe, fishmonger, made to Robt. Lambert, stockfishmonger, and John Pecok. 9, infra. Deed of Thos Cock, Alderman, and others, made to John Cock, his son. Deed of Henry Webbe, clothier, made to Thos Reve. 9, extra. Deed of Grace Buxston, wife of William Buxton, Alderman, made to Thos. Langley, of Clacton [of lands in Great Clacton.*] Deed of Austin Beryff, Alderman, and Joan, his wife, made to Thos. Beryff, his son. 11. Deed of Richard Cosyn, "ynkeper" (innkeeper), made to Richd. Mawson and Margaret, his wife. Deed of George Seyer, Alderman, and Agnes, his wife, made to Austin Beryff, jun., and Alice, his wife. 12. Deed of John Day and Alice, his wife, and others, made to Wm. Reve. 15. Deed of Gerard Johnson, cordwainer, and Margaret, his wife, and others, made to John Warde, and Christina, his wife. Deed of John Golder, gent., and Anastatia, his wife, made to John Hekford and Ann, his wife. Indenture of John Golder and his wife aforesaid, to the said John and Ann Heckford (*sic*). 16. Deed of Wm. Brokehode, of Boxted, made to John Warner. Deed of Robt. Saunderson and others, made to John Dey and Alice, his wife, and others. Deed of Robt. Freman, fuller, made to Agnes Herman and others. Deed of Joan Geny [or "Geny"], widow, made to Richd. Cooke of Estbargholt (East Bergholt) and Agnes, his wife. Deed of Ralph Finche and Matilda, his wife, and others, made to John Clerk and Alice, his wife, and others. 10. Deed of William Tailour and Elizabeth, his wife, to Thomas Love.‡	21. Will of Richd. Weston, so far as concerns his lands and tenements in Colchester.
Folio 131.	Lawrence Hertley, b. at Colne, Lancs., shearman. Robt. Smyth, b. at Bevyngdon, Lancs. (Bevington). Richd. Slepe, b. at Walsam, Staffs. (Walsall). Christopher Freman, b. at Finchingfeld, tallow-chandler. Wm. Smyth, b. at Rochford. John Chamberlen, b. at Brightlingsey, mariner. Wm. Hamond, b. at Rowhedge. Wm. Cutler, b. at Hadley, Suffolk (Hadleigh).	18. Deed of Adam Harwood and Elizabeth, his wife, made to John Jenkyn, draper. 20. Deed of John Patche, smith, and Matilda, his wife, made to John Love, Richd. Godfrey, and others. A like deed. 21. Deed of Nich. Wood and Alice, his wife, made to Henry Webbe. Deed of Wm. Rooll, mason, and Joan, his wife, made to John Jenkyn. 22. Deed of John Couper, mariner, made to Richd. Levizam, of London, tallow-chandler. Indenture of Edward Smyth, of Hadley (Hadleigh), made to John Wylbore. Agreement between Jerome Gilberd, gentleman, and William Jay, clerk, Rector of Holy Trinity Church, and William Welles, "pro le Guttur" (about the gutter). 24. Deed of Ralph Finche, made to Wm. Aldouse.	
1543-4. BAILIFFS: ROBT. BROWNE, sen. ROBT. FLINGANT.		1. *Fine* of John Joones, sen., for non-performance of office of Alderman, £5. *Fine* of Robert Flingant, for non-performance of office of Chamberlain of the Town, £3 6s. 8d. *Fine* of Robert Maynard, for non-performance of office of Chamberlain, £3 6s. 8d. 5. Deed of Thos. Watson, made to John Vryng. Deed of John Vryng, made to Richd. Marten and Agnes, his wife. Deed of Stephen Craske and Olive, his wife, made to Wm. Lock.	

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THOMAS REVE, *Chamberlain.*		9. Deed of Richd. Barker and Margery, his wife, and others, made to Thos. Love and Margaret, his wife. 12. Deed of Richard Hardkyn, gent., made to Ralph Finche and Matilda, his wife. Deed of John Tomson, carpenter, and Agnes, his wife, made to Wm. Aldhouse. 13. Indenture of Edward Smyth, made to John Wylbore. 17. Deed of John Love, made to John Gyne. Deed of John Gyne, made to John Love and Agnes, his wife. Cognizance of the same John Love, to pay to the town of Colchester, 4d. Release of John Dix and Margaret, his wife, made to John Marten. 18. Deed of Thos. Dybney, made to Richd. Combe. Deed or release of Thos. Combe and Helen, his wife, made to Richd Combe.. 19. Deed of Katherine Damyon, made to Wm. Moton. Deed of Wm. Moton, aforesaid, of Norwich, made to Wm. Smyth, tallow-chandler. 20. Deed of Barth. Cowey and Joan, his wife, made to Thos. Reve. Indenture of Edward Smyth and Ursula, his wife, made to John Lucas, Esquire. Deed by the same to the same. 21. Deed of Grace Cock, widow, and William Cock, made to John Gyne, Robt. Patche, and Robt. Buxton.	
Dorse of Folio 131.	Hugh Bankes, b. at Fortrosse, Staffs, (Forton?). Thos. Lawrence, b. at Harlow. John Page, b. at Peldon. Thos. Jakson, b. at Wennesbury, Staffs. (Wednesbury). Robt. Bradley, b. at Dedham. John Campion, b. at Earls Colne. John Champney, b. at Chillam, Kent (Chilham). Conns (Conrad ?) Johnson, b. at Terricrode, in the dominions of the Duke de Cleyse (Duchy of Cleves) Thos. Harrys, b. in St. Mary's parish, mariner. Wm. Towne, b. in St, Botolph's parish. Wm. Cosyn, b. at Lexden.	Acquittance of Grace Cock, widow, made to Robt. Browne, sen., and Wm. Cock. 1. *Fine* of John Archer, senior, of Lexden, for resignation of office of Chamberlain, as was usual by ancient custom, £3 6s. 8d.	23. Robert Tilliard.
1544-5. BAILIFFS : BENJAMIN CLERE. AUSTIN BERYFF. JOHN BEEST, *Chamberlain.*		4. Deed of John Clerke and Joan, his wife, and others, made to Wm. Bele. 5. Deed of John Wilbore and Alice, his wife, made to John Lucas, Esquire. Deed of William Downe, of London, made to Thos. Jakson and Elizabeth, his wife. 6. Deed of Reginald Godfrey, made to Elizabeth Mitche, widow. Deed of Agnes Revell, widow, made to James Godfrey and others.	

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		Bill (billa) of Brian Tuke sent to Thomas Audeley, Esquire. Deed of John Golder, gent., and Anastasia, his wife, made to Thomas Turnour, clerk, and Agnes Lambe, widow. 8. Acquittance of Alice Barker and others, made to Edmund Digby and Thomasina, his wife. Deed of John Cocke, Richd. Clerk, and others, made to Edmund and Thomasina Digby. Deed of Richd. Duke and Elizabeth, his wife, made to Austin Beryff, Alderman, and Joan, his wife, and William Beriff (*sic*). Release of Richd. and Elizabeth Duke to the same parties. 11. Deed of James Cole, made to Thomas Mary Wingfeld. Deed of the aforesaid Thomas Mary Wingfeld, made to Nicholas Maynerd, Deed of Thos. Warley of London, gentleman, made to Richd. Combe and others. Deed of John Cole, made to Roger Batt. Deed of Richd. Levison, of London, made to Margaret, his wife. 13. Indenture of John Wilbore and Alice, his wife, made to Thomas Wilbore. 6. Deed of John Golder and Anastatia, his wife, made to John Mathewe and Margaret, his wife.‡	
Folio 132.	John Roberd, glover, b. at Thorpe, Essex, Richd. Tomlinson, b. at Otley, Yorks. Wm. Symnell, b. at Halsted, Essex. Richd. Yonger, b. at Routh, Yorks. Nicholas Moore, b. at Sandherst, Kent (Sandhurst). Roger Wall, b. at EastDonyland, without the liberty of the town. John Leveron, b. at Ardeley (Ardleigh). John Lucas, tanner, b. at Plunton, Lancs. (Plumpton), John Cock, mariner, b. at Finringo (Fingringhoe). Wm. Towne, b. in St. Martin's parish. Thos. Hamond, b. in St.Leonard's parish. Adam Halsnoth, b. in St. Botolph's parish.	13. Deed of John Wilbore and Alice, his wife, and others, made to Thos. Wilbore. 1. *Fine* of John Archer, sen., for resignation of his office as Chamberlain, as was usual by ancient custom, £3 6s. 8d. 4. Deed of John Litell, brewer, made to Wm. Aldouse, yeoman. 13. Deed of John Wilbore and Alice, his wife, made to William Welles and Joan, his wife. Deed of John George and Avice, his wife, made to Edward Cole, gent., and Agnes, his wife. *Memorandum*, that on the 10th Sept., in the year 1544, the 36th year of Henry VIII., the same King Henry subdued in battle and took by storm Boulogne (Bullanum), a very strongly fortified town in Normandy, to whom, in his designs, may God give good fortune (quem, in conatibus suis, Deus bene fortunet).	
1545-6. BAILIFFS: ROBERT LECHE. THOS. REVE. HENRY WEBBE, *Chamberlain.*		5. Deed of Barth. Cowey and Joan, his wife, made to James Walleyss, of Brantham. Release of Thos. Reve, Alderman, made to James Wallys (sic) aforesaid, of Brantham, Lincs. Deed of Henry Webbe and Margaret, his wife, made to John Lucas, tanner, and others. Deed of John Christmas, Esquire, made to John Culpak. 6. Deed of Thos. Halsnoth and Margaret, his wife, made to William Halsnoth. 6. Account between Thomas Gall and Barth. Cowey. 7. Deed of Stephen Craske and Olive, his wife, made to Ralph Elkyn and Margaret, his wife. 8. Indenture of Thos. Buxton, made to Richard Duke, Esquire.	

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		Deed of John Archer, sen., made to Richard Duke and Elizabeth, his wife. 9. Deed of John Litell and Margaret, his wife, made to Edmund Markaunt, gentleman. 11. Deed of Com. (? Thomas) Johnson, smith, made to Ann, wife of Anthony Brabroke. Deed of Edmund Wilson and Christina, his wife, made to John Vryng and Helen, his wife. Deed of Richd. Herdekyn, gent., and Elizabeth, his wife, made to Robt. Patche and Alice, his wife. 12. Deed of Henry Potter of Westbargholt (West Bergholt) and Agnes, his wife, made to James Cole, tailor. 15. Deed of Thos. Reynold and John Browne, made to George Seyer and William Buxton, Aldermen.	
Dorse of Folio 132.	Thomas Halsnoth, [jun.*], b. at Micheldever, Hants. James Abeck, b. at Hersham, Lancs. (Heysham). Ralph Elkyn, b. at Badow, Essex. Wm. Sympson, jun., b. at Hadley, Suffolk (Hadleigh). Wm. Hall, b. at Westhorpe, Suffolk. John Welles, b. at Little Totham, fletcher. Edmund Robertson, b. at Dalenger, Suffolk (Dallinghoo). Robert Bilney, b. in St. Botolph's parish.	15. Deed of Richd. Rede, made to Wm. Cosyn. Deed of Lawrence Hertler and Margaret, his wife, made to John Milles, carpenter. 16. Deed of Henry Poyntell and Agnes, his wife, made to John Milles, cutler, and Joan, his wife. Deed of Wm. Reve and Joan, his wife, made to Richd. Adison and Joan, his wife. Deed of Arthur Boyde and Joan, his wife, made to Wynkin Grenerise. 23. Deed of Wm. Cratcherod, John Alfeld, and Wm. Browne, tailor, made to John Dawbeney and Mary, his wife. Deed of John Dawbeney, and his wife, Mary Dawbeney (late wife of John Baker, plumber) made to Robt. Northen.	
1546-7. BAILIFFS: GEORGE SEYER. ROBT. BROWNE, jun. JOHN STONE, *Chamberlain.*		8. Deed of Austin Beryff, Alderman, made to Thos. Johnson and Elizabeth, his wife. Deed of George Seyer, Alderman, and Agnes, his wife, made to John Byrd, Richd. Cosyn, and other parishioners of St. Peter, Colchester. Deed of Thos. Johnson and Katherine, his wife, made to John Janekyn, draper. 9. Deed of Thos. Mitche, and Margaret, his wife, made to Elizabeth Mitche, widow, and others. 10. Deed of Hugh Hodd, made to Jerome Gilberd, gent. 11. Deed of Edwd. Rosse of Neylond (Nayland) made to Katherine Ednam, widow. Deed of Wm. Mott and Joan, his wife, made to Robt. Buxton and John Serle, sen. Deed of Robt. Buxton and John Serle, sen., made to Wm. and Joan Mott 15. Indented deed of Jerome Gilberd, gent., and Elizabeth, his wife, made to William Jay, clerk. Deed of John Wylbore and Alice, his wife, made to John Janekyn and Katherine, his wife. 16, extra. Deed of John Barington and Margaret, his wife, made to Francis Jobson, Esquire, and others. 9, extra. Deed of Thomas Pack, made to Wm. Aldowse and Thos. Smyth.	
Folio 133.	4. William Cornewell and John Milles are discharged (exonerantur) from their liberties. Richd. Whale, b. at Hertford, shoemaker.	16, extra. Deed of Krine (Krini) Johnson and Joan, his wife, made to Thos. Smyth and Marion, his wife. 13. Deed of Francis Jobson, Esquire, and Elizabeth, his wife, made to George Seyer, Alderman. 13, extra. Indenture of Henry Fortescu, Esquire, and Elizabeth, his wife, made to George Seyer, Alderman.	

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	John Mathew, b. at Buknam, Norfolk (Buckenham), glover. Wm. Strachye, b. at Sudbury, merchant. Thos. Moreden, b. at Bilsom, Cambs. (? Balsham). John Welles, b. at Hawkendon, Suffolk (Hawkedon), baker. Adam Kyng, b. at Knapton, Suffolk (?Knapton, Norfolk), butcher. Henry Creke, b. at Horkesleigh magna (Great Horkesley). Robt. Lambe, b. at Yppiswich (Ipswich). Robt. Sigar, b. at Neylond (Nayland). John Heyman, b. in St. Giles's parish. John Woodruffe, b. in St. Botolph's parish. Nicholas Moore is restored to his freedom.		
1547-8. BAILIFFS: JOHN CHRYSTMAS Esquire. JOHN BESTE. JOHN BERYFF, *Chamberlain.*		3, infra. Indented deed of Thomas Reynold, "capper," son and heir of John Reynold, made to John Welles, bowyer and fletcher. 7, infra. Deed of Robt. Smyth, clothier, and Alice, his wife, made to Nicholas Clere, and Agnes, his wife. Deed of John Dabeney and Mary, his wife, made to Ralph Gyfford. 8, infra. Indented deed of Robert Browne, grocer, one of the Aldermen of Colchester, and Agnes, his wife, made to Robert Middleton, draper. Deed of Agnes Seman, widow, made to Margaret Halsnoth and Nicholas Halsnoth, her son. Indented deed of Benjamin Clere, Alderman, son and heir of John Clere, made to Margaret Halsnoth and Christopher Halsnoth, her son. 9. Deed of John Makyn, mariner, and Joan, his wife, late wife of John Cakko, made to Richd. Yard and Robt. Baker. 9, extra. Deed of John Casour, of Ardeleigh, and Alice, his wife, made to Thomas Barbour, John Hunt, and Geoffrey Casour, of Dedham. Deed of Thos. Barbour and Joan, his wife, John Hunt and Marion, his wife, and Geoffrey Casour, made to George Durbar, of Langham, and Joan, his wife. 11, extra. Deed of Robt. Buxston, mercer, and Ann, his wife, made to Joan Beryff, widow. 12, infra. Indenture of John Denby and Nicholas Clere, executors of the will of Henry Webbe, deceased, made to Robt. Smyth, clothier. 13. Deed of Joan Okey, widow, late wife of John Okey, shearman, made to Henry Poyntell, pewterer, and Agnes, his wife. 13, extra. Deed of Richd. Cokeley, of Langenhoe, and Margery, his wife, daughter and heir of Wm. Shawe, late of Lexden, made to John Ryche, sen. Deed of Henry Herryson, of London, carrier, and Ann, his wife, daughter and heir of Thomas	4, infra. John Cakko, of NewHythe, mariner

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		White, late of Colchester, yeoman, made to John Carter, carpenter, and Sarah, his wife.	
Dorse of Folio 133.	Thos. Randell, carpenter, b. at Watford, Northants.	15, infra. Deed of Roger Smyth, of Wrabnasse (Wrabness), millwright, son and heir of John Smyth, made to Garrard Arnold and Joan, his wife.	
	John Gylder, butcher, b. at Danbury.	In which deed is contained an annual rent of 8d. payable annually to the Chamberlain of the town of Colchester.	
	John Sterlyng, clothier, b. at Dedham.	15, extra. Deed of Arthur Boyde, butcher, made to Robt. Camock, of Leyrmerney (Layer Marney), yeoman.	
	Arthur Stanton, b. at Beden, co. Appleton.	Release of Arthur Boyde and Joan, his wife, made to Robt. Camock.	
	John Fowle, b. at Burnham, Essex, mariner.	Deed of John Jenkyn, draper, made to Anthony Chamberlen and Katherine, his wife.	
		16. Deed of John Gryffyth and Margery, his wife. made to John Coole, tailor, and Wm. Symnell,	
		7. Deed of Thos. Cornewell, gent., made to Robt. Browne, grocer, Alderman.	
1548-9. BAILIFFS: BENJAMIN CLERE. ROBT. FLYNGANT. JOHN MAYNERD, *Chamberlain.*	Thomas Holmes, b. at Rammesden bellows, Essex (Ramsden Belhouse), tailor.	4, infra. Deed of Thos. Johnston and Elizabeth, his wife, made to Wm. Beryff.	
		Deed of Jasper Coole, of Boxted, husbandman, and Agnes, his wife, John Smart, of Grynsted (Greenstead), and Emma, his wife, daughters and co-heirs of Henry Northen, deceased, made to Alice Fes, widow.	
	Wm. Saunderson, b. at Showserwood,* Salop, tailor.	6, infra. Deed of John Wylbore, tailor, and Alice, his wife, made to Nicholas Wylbore of Branktre (Braintree), mercer.	
	Thos. Bulphan, b. at Southmynster, Essex.	Indented deed of the same Nicholas Wylbore to John and Alice Wylbore.	
	John Baker, of Horkesleigh, b. in St. Peter's parish, Colchester.	6, extra. Deed of John Mylles, millwright, and Avice, his wife, made to John Vryng, miller, and Helen, his wife.	
	William Cornewell was admitted to his freedom.	Release of Avice Mylles, widow, made to Richd. Wylbore, shearman.	
		Indented deed of John Vryng, miller, and Helen, his wife, made to the same Richd. Wylbore.	
		7, infra. Deed of Richd. Cosyn, innholder, and Anne, his wife, made to Robt. Maynard, clothier.	
		9, extra. Deed of Wm. Smyth, tallowchandler, and Emma, his wife, made to John Carter, carpenter, and Tace (Tacee), his wife.	
		10, infra. Deed of Geo. Herman, of Ipswich, gentleman, made to John Gyne, of Colchester.	
		10, extra. Deed of John Gyne to George Herman and Christopher, his younger son.	
		7. Deed of Thomas Audeley, Esquire, and Juliana, his wife, made to Edwd. Coole, gentleman, and Agnes, his wife.	
		9. Deed of John Rolf and Elizabeth, his wife, made to Wm. Saunderson and Margaret, his wife.	
Folio 134.	George Cooke, b. at Stoke-by-Clare, Essex	4. Deed of Richd. Maye and Cecilia, his wife, made to John Quene, with writing obligatory of the same Richard.	
1549-1550. BAILIFFS: ROBT. LECHE. THOS. DYBNEY. WILLIAM CLECHER, *Chamberlain.*	Thos. Spencer, b. at Neylond, Suffolk (Nayland).	Deed of Robt. Porter and Joan, his wife, made to Thomas Hall, tanner, and Joan, his wife.	
	John Dethyk, b. at London.	Deed of John Pollerd and Avice, his wife, made to Wm. Welles and John Champneys.	
	Thos. Woodward, b. at Esthorpe (Eastthorpe).	Another deed by the same to the same.	
		6. Deed of John Blank and Alice, his wife, made to Robt. Norden.	
	Wm. Baker, b. at Wakes Colne.	Deed of Agnes Christopher made to Richd. Dale and Richd. Mawsun.	
	Thos. Lawrence, b. at Reppon, co. Derby (Repton).	Indented deed of John Crystmas, Esquire, and George, his son, made to Nicholas Maynerd.	
	John Roop, b. at	10. Deed of Henry Herryson and Ann, his wife, made to Wm. Farre.	

*Not identified.

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	Debbynham (Debenham), Suffolk. James Cook, b. at Dedham. Wm. Makyn, b. at Buers, Suffolk (Bures). Edmund Churche, b. at Watford, Northants. Jaques Tomson, b. at Stratford, Suffolk, clothier. Wm. Farre, b. at Hytcham, Herts (Hitchin), glover. Roger Harpam, b. at Solbye, Yorks., glover. Wm. Cawken, b. at Polsom (? Balsham), Cambs., smith. Thos. Wylbore, b. at Ruston, Yorks., "teylour." George Darber, b. at Rumford, Essex, clothier. Henry Teylecott, b. at Pollerscote, co. Warwick, pewterer. Wm. Buck, b. at Nedham Markett (Needham Market), Suffolk, innkeeper. Wm. Browne, gent., b. at Chelmesford.	Agreement (agreamentum) made between Wm. Symson, sen., and John Cole, tailor. 12. Release of Robt. Leche and Agnes, his wife, made to Thomas Awdeley, Esquire. Deed of John Archer and Agnes, his wife, Herman Whytepane and Joan, his wife, and Thos. Curteys and Alice, his wife, made to Thomas Hunte, of London. 11. Indented deed of Henry Taylecott and Helen, his wife, made to Jerome Mylles. 12. Deed of Wm. Feryng, of Maldon, and Bridget, his wife, made to John Medcalfe, of Colchester. Deed of Richd. Flyngant, "paylemaker," and Agnes, his wife, made to John Janeken, of Colchester, draper.	
Dorse of Folio 134.	John Storye, carrier, b. at Scarborough, Yorks. Wm. Gowge, capper, b. at Hadleigh, Suffolk. John Pollard, b. at Bentlye, Suffolk (Bentley, nr. Ipswich), labourer. John Warner, b. at Mylend within the liberty of Colchester. Robt. Wyour, b. in St. James's parish, Colchester.	*Deed of Thomas Hunt, citizen and merchant, of London, executor of the will of Robt. Browne, senior, made to Edmund Troman and Bartholomew Parrat. Deed of the said Troman and Parrat, made to the same Thos. Hunt. Release of Joan Browne, widow of Robt. Browne, aforesaid, made to the said Thos. Hunt.	10. John Mylles of Berkyng (Barking), Essex, carpenter.
1550-1. BAILIFFS: JOHN BERIFF. JOHN STONE. JOHN Stone died about the 2nd March, and thereon the Burgesses of the Town of Colchester elected ROBERT BROWNE. ROBERT MYDDLETON, *Chamberlain.*		4. Deed of Henry Rand and Ann, his wife, made to John Helyott and Margaret, his wife. Deed of Richd. Peper and Alice, his wife, made to Richd. Northey. Deed of John Balle and Anne, his wife, made to William Elynott and Elizabeth, his wife. Deed of William and Elizabeth Elynott, made to John and Ann Balle. Deed of James Northen and Cecilia, his wife, made to Richd. Northey. 5. Deed of Jerome Balberowe, gent., made to Robt. Maynerd with obligatory [deed].	

*No Roll Number given.

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		Deed of Roger Bateman and Margaret, his wife, made to Robt. Lambe and Henry Vynter. Deed of Jerome Balberowe, made to Anthony Crowbroke and Ann, his wife. 9. Indented deed of John Colle and Katherine, his wife, made to John Storee and Margery, his wife. Indented deed of Wm. Sympson, jun., and Margaret, his wife, made to Wm. Calkyn. Deed of Roger Harpam and Isabel, his wife, made to John Gylder. Deed of Thos. Lawrence and Marion, his wife, made to James Cole and Helen, his wife. Deed of Thos. Arling and Beatrice, his wife, made to John Gate and Edmund Griffin. 10. Indented deed of Robt. Smyth, clothier, and Elizabeth, his wife, made to Nicholas Clere and Ann, his wife. Deed of Richd. Hardekyn and Elizabeth, his wife, made to Thomas Arlyng and Beatrice, his wife. Deed of Ambrose Cole and Ann, his wife, made to Thos. Haling. 15. Deed of John Lucas, Esquire, and Elizabeth, his wife, made to Robt. Maynerd. Deed of Austin Beryff, jun., and Alice, his wife, made to John Andrewes.	
Folio 135.	Robert Baker, b. at Buxford, Suffolk (Boxford). John Chamber, b at Plesshey, Essex. Wm. Rychardson, b. at Halsted, Essex. James Stracham, b. Aldam, Essex (Aldham). Richd. Maye, b. at Little Harmested, Berks. John Skarlett, b. at Bristowe, Somerset (Bristol). John Wood, b. at Sudburye, Suffolk. Wm. Amys, b. at Bokkyng (Bocking). Henry Hully, b. at Stockford (? Stockport), Cheshire, baker. Edmund Wylson, b. at Heton (Heaton), Northumberland. Richd. Grene, b. at Boxford, Suffolk. Wm. Buck, jun., b. within the liberty of Colchester.	16. Deed of Austin Beryff and Alice, his wife, made to Robt. Smyth and Elizabeth, his wife. Deed of Wm. Bate and Margaret, his wife, made to John Folk and Margaret, his wife. Deed of Wm. Farre and Joan, his wife, made to Stephen Holte. Deed of Ambrose Cole and Ann, his wife, made to Jaques Tomson.	
1551-2. BAILIFFS: JOHN BESTE. WM. MOTTE. JOHN BYRD, *Chamberlain.*	John Dorrell, b. at Fingringhoo. John Paynter, b. at Messyng, Essex. Gerard Foyste, b. within the liberty of Colchester.	4. Deed of Wm. Halsnoth, made to Thos. Halsnoth, jun., tailor. Deed of Thos. Halsnoth aforesaid, made to Wm. Hamond, mariner. Letter of attorney made by Thomas Halsnoth to Adam Halsnoth. Deed of William Hamond aforesaid, made to John Rolfe, Peldon. Deed of John Rolfe aforesaid, made to Adam Halsnoth and Christopher Halsnoth. 6. Deed of Austin Beriff made to Winkin Grenerice. Deed of William Beriff to the said Winkin Grenerice.	

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		Arbitration between Thos. Halsnoth, jun., and Margaret, his wife, of the one part, and Wm. Facon and Helen, his wife, of the other part. 7. Deed of John Wilbore and Alice, his wife, made to Nicholas Wilbore of Branktre (Braintree). Indented deed of Nicholas Wilbore and Ann, his wife, made to Wm. Sympson, jun. Deed of William Dixson, of Detford (Deptford), and Elizabeth, his wife, heir of John Fennyng, deceased, made to Wm. Maken and Elizabeth, his wife.	
Dorse of Folio 135.	John Clerke, b. at Braxsted, Essex. innkeeper. Thos. Gale, b. at Hull, Yorks., tailor. Richard Combe, b. at Gt. Tey, butcher. Ralph Hargrave, b. at Leds (Leeds), Yorks., baker.	15. Deed of Robt. Godfrey and Joan, his wife, made to John Fowle, mariner. 17. Grant of the lord King made to the Bailiffs and Commonalty of his town of Colchester concerning exchange (de canbiar'). Indenture between John Beriff and John Stone, Bailiffs of the lord King of his town of Colchester, and the Commonalty of the same town, of the one part, and Robert Beche, John Byrd, and Robt. Middleton, of the other part. 19. Deed of the aforesaid Bailiffs and Commonalty to Beche, Byrd, and Middleton aforesaid. 24. Release of John Pollard and Avice, his wife, late wife of John Milles, carpenter, made to Richd. Overell. 26. Deed of Simon Clerke, alias Donnyng, and Alice, his wife, made to John Branton. Indented deed of John Ball, made to William Abell. 27. Deed of Lawrence Cutler and Margaret, his wife, made to Robt. Bryan. Deed of the said Bryan to Lawrence and Margaret Cutler. Deed of Thos. Halsnoth, sen., made to Wm. Beket and Robt. Lambe. 28. Indenture between Nicholas Halsnoth, of the one part, and Christopher Halsnoth, of the other part. Indented deed of John Story and his wife, made to Ralph Elken.	
1552-3. BAILIFFS: George Seyer. Robt. Maynard. Richard Northey, *Chamberlain.*		5. Deed of John Jankyn, merchant tailor, and Katherine, his wife, made to Wm. Nevard, clerk. Indented deed of the said Nevard to the said John and Katherine Jankyn, Lawrence Aleston, of Earls Colne, yeoman, and Joan, his wife. 6. Deed of Wm. Mott, Alderman, and Joan, his wife, made to Edmund Wylson, merchant, and Christiana, his wife. 7. Indented deed of Richd. Pepper, butcher, and Alice, his wife, late wife of Wm. Bolton, made to Edmund Sherlok, butcher. Deed of the same Edmund Shirlok (*sic*) and Agnes, his wife, made to Roger Grace. Obligation, with condition, of Robt. Parker, of Easthorpe, made to John Kyngston, rector of Easthorpe. Deed of James Abeck, haberdasher, and Elizabeth, his wife, late wife of John Frauncis, shoemaker, made to Thos. Parker, of Ardeleigh, yeoman. Indented deed of Emma Beckett, widow of William Beckett, and before that wife of Thos. Clere, clothmaker, and William Beckett, her son, made to Benjamin Clere and John Beste, Aldermen, and Robt. Smythe, clothier, together with examination and quitclaim of Katherine, wife of the same Wm. Beckett. Grant or writing of Wm. Beckett, clothier, made to Nicholas Clere, clothier.	

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		15. Deed of John Fyrley, mariner, son and heir of John Fyrley, mariner, made to John Fuller, mariner, and Agnes, his wife. Deed of Jerome Balborowe, gent., made to Robt. Maynard, Alderman. Indented deed of the said Maynard, made to Edwd. Maynard, his son, and Anne Rolfe, widow. Deed of William Edon and Agnes, his wife, Robt. Patche and Alice, his wife, and Thos. Moreden and Isabel, his wife, made to John Serle, sen., and Thomas Page.	
Folio 136.	1. John Cole, b. at Colnes Walton, Suffolk (? Walton, Suffolk), tailor. Jerome Mylles, b. at Bargholt Sakvyle (West Bergholt), bowyer. 3. John Butler, b. at Wytham, Essex, husbandman. 12. Robt. Sparke, b. at Bungey, Suffolk (Bungay), innkeeper. 13. Thos. Cowper, b. at Ippiswich(Ipswich), mariner. Thos. Smyth, of Wyvenhoo, b. at Elmested (Elmstead), mariner. 22. John Rownekettell, b. at Debnam, Suffolk (Debenham), goldsmith. John Love, medius, b. at East Donyland, mariner.	16. Deed of Thos. Moreden and Isabel, his wife, Robt. Patche and Alice, his wife, William Edon and Agnes, his wife, made to John Serle, sen., and Thos. Page. Deed of the said Robt. and Alice Patche, Thos. and Isabel Moredon, and William and Agnes Edon, made to Serle and Page. Deed of Robt. Parker, of Easthorpe, made to John Kyngstone, of Easthorpe. Release of Thos. Parker, of Easthorpe, son and heir of John Parker, late of Fering (Feering), son and heir of Alice, wife of Michael Parker, daughter of Richd. Harvy, made to John Kingston (*sic*) aforesaid. 17. Indenture of all the goods and chattels of Wm. Beckett, made at suit of Emma Beckett. Arbitration of John Carter, Roger Grace, Thos. Sey, and John Dix, supervisors of lands, &c., made between Wm. Danyell and Thos. Stampe. 18. Arbitration of John Gyne, Robt. Lambe, Wm. Hutton, and John Dix, arbitrators elected, between Wm. Fakon and John Blaksall. Indented deed of John Luke, surgeon, and Elizabeth, his wife, made to Wm. Beriff. 23. Deed of Robt. Barnes, "collermaker," and Elizabeth, his wife, made to Stephen Holle, yeoman. Deed of Robt. Halsnoth, beer-brewer, and Mary, his wife, made to Alice Clerk, widow of Arthur Clerk, gent. Deed of John Welles, bowyer and fletcher, made to Richd. Alfeld, woollen-draper. Release of the said John Welles and Mary, his wife, to the said Alfeld. 24. Indented deed of Thos. Benet, sen., of Stratford, Suffolk, clothier, and Ann, his wife, daughter and heir of Henry Johnson, and Agnes, his wife, sister and next heir of John Dale, of Colchester,* taverner, made to John Vring, sen., miller, and Helen, his wife. 25. Deed of James Abeck, haberdasher, and Elizabeth, his wife, late wife of John Frauncis, made to Wm. Parker, tailor. Indented deed of Thos. Halsnoth, jun., tailor, and Margaret, his wife, made to Jerome Balborow, gent. Indented deed of George Roberd, clothier, son and heir of Richard Roberd, clothier, Roger Grace, yeoman, and Margaret, his wife, made to Christopher Alen, of Hatfeld Peverel, gent., John Higham, yeoman, Robt. Browne, Alderman, and Robt. Middleton, draper. 26. Indented deed of the same George Roberd made to Christopher Allen (*sic*), John Higham, Robt. Browne, and Robt. Middleton. 27. Deed of Robt. Wylkenson, bricklayer, and Joan, his wife, made to Wm. Taylcote, currier. Deed of Wm. Simnell, sen., yeoman, executor of the will of John Warde, deceased, made to Robt. Upcher, of Great Tey, husbandman.	

*An early example of the modern spelling of the town's name, the word being in English. From this time the use of the Latin form is gradually dropped and "Colchester" substituted.

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		28. Deed of John Assheman, capper, and Helen, his wife, made to Wm. Jay, clerk. Deed of Isaac Hide, capper, made to Wm. Warner, bricklayer. Deed of George Spysall, of Brightlingsey, husbandman, and Joan, his wife, daughter and heir of John Smyth, made to Anthony Wright, mariner. Deed of Robt. Thurston, Mylende (Mile End), yeoman, made to Thos. Dybney, Alderman, and Robt. Fakon, yeoman. Deed of the said Dybney and Fakon made to the said Robt. Thurston and Wm. Thurston, his son. Deed of Thos. Tylly, of Lexden, miller, and Ann, his wife, made to Robt. Leche, Alderman. Deed of Robt. Barnes, merchant, and Joan, his wife, late wife of John Smyth, made to Leonard Lysse, mariner.	
Dorse of Folio 136. **1553-4.** BAILIFFS: BENJAMIN CLERE. JOHN MAYNARD. AUSTIN BERIFF, *Chamberlain.*	1. Jerome Gylberd, b. at Clare, Suffolk, gentleman. Nicholas Webbe, b. at Hokley, Essex (Hockley), "woodsettour." John Damsell, medius, b. at Karsey, Suffolk (Kersey), "sherman" (shearman). 3. George Baker, b. at Stoke-by-Nayland, beer-brewer. 12. Wm. Tythyngton, b. at St. Osyth, linen-draper. 16. Robt. Harvy, b. at Sudbury, tailor. 20. Richd. Holbeck, b. at Neylond, Suffolk (Nayland), carpenter. George Seex, b. at Castelton in the peke, co. Derby (Castleton). 22. Alexander Wright, b. at Alborowe, Suffolk (Aldeburgh), mariner.	3. Deed of Richd. Cooke, yeoman, made to John Pryour, labourer, and Joan, his wife. Deed of Agnes Browne, widow of Wm. Browne, and Wm. Beriff, of Brightlingsey, made to William Amys, baker. Deed of the same Wm. Amys made to Richd. Leveryche and Agnes Browne, widow. Indenture made between Richard Leverich (*sic*), of East Bergholt, yeoman, and John Maynard, clothier, one of the Aldermen. Deed of the same Richard Leverich, and Elizabeth, his wife, made to the said John Maynard. Release of John Marten, mercer, son and heir of Richard Marten, patten-maker, made to Richd. Northey, mercer. Deed of John Norman, tile-maker, and Joan, his wife, made to Gerard Shelbury, beer-brewer. 7. Indented deed of Robert Street, dyer, and Margaret, his wife, daughter and heir of Agnes Arnold, widow, deceased, made to William Fesse and Katherine, his wife. 8. Indenture between George Christmas, of Eldhith (Old Heath), Esquire, and Bridget, his wife, of the one part, and John Maynard, of the other part. 9. Indenture between John Harvy, gent., and Alice, his wife, of the one part, and John Maynard, Alderman, of the other part. 10. Deed of Sir Thomas Audeley, Lord Chancellor of England, made to John Christmas, Esquire. 12. Indented deed of John Blaksall, yeoman, and Margaret, his wife, made to George Browne, of East Bergholt, Suffolk, clothier. Release or confirmation of William Beckett, clothier, and Katherine, his wife, made to Emma Beckett, widow, and Nicholas Clere, clothier. 13. Indented deed of Gerard Shelbury, beer-brewer, and Ann, his wife, made to Winkin Grenerice, cordwainer, and John Fowle, mariner. Indented deed of the same Gerard Shelbury and Ann, his wife, made to Winkin Greneryce (*sic*), cordwainer, and Adam Harwood, grocer. Indented deed of the said Shelbury to the said Greneryce, and Edmund Wylson, merchant. Two like deeds between the same parties. 14. Deed of Robert Browne, grocer, one of the Aldermen, made to Matthew Browne, tailor, and Emma, his wife, daughter of the said Robt. Browne. Deed of Thos. Flyngant, Alderman, and others, made to John Batt, mariner, and others.	

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		Deed of John Batt to Thos. Pack, clothmaker, and Wm. Thurgoore, joiner. Release of Robt. Patche, and Alice, his wife, Thos. Moreden and Isabel, his wife, and Wm. Edon and Agnes, his wife, made to Wm. Biford and Joan, his wife. 15. Deed of John Wysdome, citizen and merchant tailor of London, son and heir of Richard Wysdome, late of Colchester, tailor, made to John Serle, sen., and George Durbarre. 16. Deed of Richd. Rawson, shoemaker, and Agnes his wife, daughter of Henry Hampkyn, late of Colchester, deceased, made to John Lynche, carpenter. Deed of Thos. Grace, joiner, and Elizabeth, his wife, made to Thomas Bell, of Wyvenhoo, yeoman. 17. Deed of William Chestone, alias Crowe, of Blyborowe, co. Suffolk, glover, and Joan, his wife, one of the daughters and co-heirs of Wm. Hodges, late of Colchester, deceased, made to Nicholas Salowe, of Colchester, mariner. Deed of Robt. Wylkynson, bricklayer, and Joan, his wife, made to Edmund Byles, "kyddier" (hawker). Deed of John Lecton, of Gt. Okeley, yeoman, and Margaret, his wife, made to Edmund Wylson, merchant. Release of John Fairsted, of Colchester, and Helen, his wife, made to Joan Fairsted, widow.	
Folio 137. **1554-5.** BAILIFFS: JOHN BERIFF. THOS. DIBNEY. JOHN STERLINGE, *Chamberlain.*	1. Ralph Radam, b. at Shilbottell, Northumberland (Shilbottle), saddler. Wm. Gally, b. at Caundissh, Suffolk (Cavendish), smith. Wm. Lambe, b. at Westylbury, Essex (West Tilbury), smith. 2. John Rysby, b. at Ely, Cambs., cooper. John Harvye, b. at Henyngham, Essex (Hedingham), tailor. Anthony Crowbrok, born at Bridges in Flaunder (Bruges). 5. John Jermyn, b. at Gaynes Colne, Essex (Colne Engaine), mariner. Thos. Mason, alias Goodwyn, b. at Chacefeld, Suffolk, (Charsfield), glover. Wm. Potter, b. at Langham, Essex, smith. 11. Richard Valentyne, b. at Romford, clothier. 14. Thos. Tredsell, b. in St. Martin's parish, Colchester.	3. Deed of Edward Gylder, of Hadley, Suffolk, beer-brewer, and Marion, his wife, formerly wife of Thomas Smyth, of Colchester, tallow-chandler, made to Robt. Barington, "cowper" (cooper). Deed of Robt. Alexander, yeoman, and Ann, his wife, made to William Rogers and John Mathew. Deed of William Forth, of Hadley, Suffolk, gent., son and heir of Robt. Foorth, Esquire, deceased, made to Ann Barington, widow. Deed of William Beriff, gent., made to Robt. Fawkon and Robt. Lambe. 4. Deed of Richd. Alfelde, jun., woollen-draper, made to George Fawkon, cutler. 7. Indented deed of Nicholas Saverne, shipwright, and Emma, his wife, made to Robt. Yles, mariner, and Agnes, his wife. Indented deed of Jerome Mylles, clothier, and Joan, his wife, made to Andrew Prestney, of London. Deed of James Cole, of Wyvenho, and Ellen, his wife, made to Henry Assheley, "sherman" (shearman), and Joan, his wife. 8. Deed of John Browne, fuller, and Barbara, his wife, late wife of William Carter, deceased, made to Richd. Browne and Henry Vynter. Deed of John Campyon, vintner, made to Wm. Fawkon and Ellen, his wife. Deed of Benjamin Clere, one of the Aldermen, and Thomasina, his wife, made to Stephen Holle. 10. Deed of Thomas Haling, clothworker, made to Jaques Tomson. Deed of Nicholas Halsnoth, tailor, made to Christopher Halsnoth, baker, and Agnes Parke, widow. Deed of Thos. Midmay, of Mulsohame (Moulsham), Essex, Esquire, and Avice, his wife, made to William Peverell, innholder, and Robt. Lamberd, fishmonger, to the use of Richd. Godfrey, gent. 12. Indented deed of Stephen Lambe, butcher, and	

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		Margaret, his wife, blood-relation and next heir to Marion, formerly wife of Robt. Northen, and afterwards wife of John Wood, deceased, made to John Beste, one of the Aldermen. Indented deed of the same John Beste made to the fore-named Stephen and Margaret Lambe. 13. Indented deed of the said Stephen and Margaret Lambe made to Jerome Gylberd, gent. 13. Indented deed of Gabriel Bliott, one of the Sergeants-at-Mace, and Sabina, his wife, made to Richd. Northey, mercer. 14. Deed of Henry Smyth, citizen and haberdasher, London, brother and heir of Joan Smyth, deceased, made to John Brooke, of Roxwell, Essex, yeoman. 15. Deed of Stephen Lambe, butcher, and Margaret, his wife, blood-relation and next heir to Marion Northen, widow, deceased, made to Jerome Gilberd, gent. Deed of the same Jerome Gilberd, gent., made to the aforesaid Stephen and Margaret Lambe. Deed of the fore-named Jerome Gilberd, gent., made to Robert Maynard, one of the Aldermen. Deed of John Grene and Alice, his wife, made to Wm. Buxton and John Gylder. Deed of Wm. Buxton and John Gilder (*sic*) made to the same John and Alice Grene.	
Dorse of Folio 137. **1555-6.** BAILIFFS: George Seyer. William Strachie. *Chamberlain*, George Smyth.	3. Robert Hogge, b. at Hunden, Suffolk (Hundon). John Southerne, b. at Thorington. 4. Robt. Dekon, b. at Cathorpe, co. Richmond (? Copthorne). Richd. Stowers, b. at Tollesbury. 8. John Holand, b. at Felsted. 9. Henry Christofer, b. at Colne beyond Mareny, Essex. 13. Dionysius Robynson, b. at Mesam, co. York (Masham). 20. William Molde, b. in St. Nicholas' parish, Colchester.	5. Deed of Geoffrey Lockwood and Elizabeth, his wife, late wife of Peter Patch, made to John Carver and Robt. Lambe. 6. Deed of Stephen Lambe, butcher, and Margaret, his wife, blood-relation and next heir to Marion Northen, widow, deceased, made to Jerome Gylberd, gent. Deed of Wm. Cawton, smith, and Alice, his wife, made to Thomas Halsnoth, tailor. Deed of Thomas Bell, yeoman, made to John Hogge, "mynstrell." Deed of Thomas Bell, yeoman, made to John Vandepett, tailor, and Margaret, his wife. 7. Indented deed of John Barington, yeoman, and Margaret, his wife, made to John Sterling. 10. Grant of a certain indenture and term of years made by Austin Beriff, clothier, to Thomas Meller, citizen and skinner, London. Deed of John Virley, alias Firley, mariner, and Alice, his wife, made to John Denby, mariner. Deed of John Joones, mariner, and Katherine, his wife, made to Ralph Elken, yeoman, and Ann, his wife. 11. Deed of Henry Browne, of London, and Jane, his wife, sister and next heir of Helen, late wife of Henry Tailcote, of Colchester, skinner, and afterward relict of Thomas Rose, weaver, made to Jerome Mylles, clothier. 13. Indented deed of Alan Simpson, "twillwever," made to William Tillingham, mercer, and Agnes, his wife. Deed of the same William Tillingham made to William Tiffen, of Esthorpe (Easthorpe), yeoman. 20. Deed of Jerome Mylles, clothier, and Joan, his wife, made to Richd. Crakbone, haberdasher, and Agnes, his wife.	
1556-7. BAILIFFS: Robt. Browne. Robt. Maynard. *Chamberlain*, Edmund Troman.		5. Indented deed of John Denby, yeoman, and Joan, his wife, made to William Bosome. Deed of William Bosome, painter (pictoris), and Margery, his wife, made to William Bosome, his son. Deed of Agnes Northen, made to Robt. Northen, clothier.	

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		Deed of Thos. Stampe, ropemaker, and Agnes, his wife, made to Richd. Stampe.	
		8. Indented deed of John Jenkyn and Katherine, his wife, made to John Dynes, tallow-chandler.	
		9. Deed of Thos. Halsnoth, tailor, and Margaret, his wife, made to John Gibson, of Ardeley (Ardleigh), miller.	
		10. Deed of Edmund Roberdson and Margaret, his wife, made to John Beste, one of the Aldermen of the town, and Joan, his wife.	
		Deed of Robt. Pitt, Robert Tiliard, and Adria, his wife, made to Robt. Middleton, woollen-draper.	
		11. Deed of William Biford, brickmaker, and Joan, his wife, made to Edmund Roberdson.	
		Indented deed of John Lowthe, clothier, and Margaret, his wife, made to Thos. Goodwyn, smith, and Ellen, his wife.	
		Deed of William King, "coverlet-maker," and Agnes, his wife, made to Henry Foote, mariner, and Elizabeth, his wife.	
		12. Deed of John Smart and Emma, his wife, one of the daughters and co-heirs of Henry Northen, deceased, made to Thos. Warner, of Langham, and Agnes, his wife.	
		13. Deed of John Gylder, butcher, and Alice, his wife, made to Nicholas Maynard, clothier.	
		Deed of George Fawcon, cutler, made to Christopher Latymer, late of Freston, Suffolk, Esquire.	
		Release of William Beriff, gent., and Katherine, his wife, made to Thos. Lawrence, woollen-draper, and Marion, his wife.	
		Release of Jerome Gilberd, gent., and Jane, his wife, made to Thos. Cosyn, gent.	
		14. Deed of William Beriff, gent., made to John Gyne, yeoman, and William Draper, jun., gent.	
		Deed of the said Wm. Beriff made to Wm. Draper, jun., and John Wenden.	
		16. Deed of John Stanton and Mary, his wife, made to Thomas Riche and Bridget, his wife.	
Folio 138.	1. John Coll, b. at Welde, Norfolk (Wells or Welney).	14. Deed of Edward Cole, gent., and Agnes, his wife, made to Nicholas Maynard.	
	3. John Lewes, b. at Mount, Essex (Mountnessing or MountBures ?), glover	15. Deed of Richd. Alfeld and Elizabeth, his wife, made to Stephen Holt, yeoman.	
	14. Richard Walter, b. at Skevismiddleton, Salop, shoemaker (Middleton Scriven).	Deed of Thos. Beriffe, clothier, and Margaret, his wife, made to John Beriff, one of the Aldermen of the town.	
	2. Simon Smyth, b. at Nodiam, Hants (Odiham), grocer.	Indented deed of Richd. Crakbone, haberdasher, and Agnes, his wife, made to Philip Saunders and Alice, his wife.	
	Thos. Haling, b. at Westchester, Cheshire (Chester), "sherman."	16. Deed of Hugh Lynche, mariner, and Grace, his wife, made to John Cock, mariner, and Ann, his wife.	
	Andrew Prestney, b. at Westbargholt (West Bergholt), yeoman.	Deed of Hugh and Grace Lynche, made to Jerome Songer, gent.	
	17. Wm. Pigott, b. at Hatfield Peverell, smith.	Indented deed of Adam Kinge, butcher, and Joan, his wife, made to John Gilder, butcher.	
	Thos. Fletcher, b. at Moyses, Cumberland (Mosser), shoemaker.	Release of Jerome Gilberd, gent., and Jane, his wife, made to Robt. Maynard, one of the Aldermen of the town.	
	Richd. Mawson, b. at Gt. Birch, tailor.	17. Deed of Richd. Wilbore, "shereman," and Matilda, his wife, made to John Maynard, of St. Peter's parish, Colchester.	
		Indented deed of Richd. Alfeld, sen., baker, and Elizabeth, his wife, made to Richard Crakbone, tailor, and Agnes, his wife.	
		Deed of John Clerke, mariner, and Katherine, his wife, made to Robt. Browne, Alderman.	
		Deed of Stephen Lambe, butcher, and Margaret, his wife, made to John Barons, of Gt. Birch, yeoman.	

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	John Sharpe, b. at Nassington, Northants. haberdasher John Wodon, b. at Branktre (Braintree), "shereman." John Burrell, b. "in patria de Luke in Ducheland, corier." (in Luxemburg ? currier). Thos. Herde, b. at Ramsey, capper. 22. Thos. Saunder, b. at at Chipnam, Wilts. (Chippenham), baker. Wm. Panton, b. at Basyrgham, Lincs. (Bassingham), baker. Thos. Bell, b. at Hichin, Herts. (Hitchin), yeoman, Wm. Thurgore, b. at Waldingfeld, Suffolk, "yoyner" (joiner). Sware Fressild, b. at Borowe in Gilderland (? Bruges), shoemaker. John Garryson, b. at Hake, in Holand (the Hague?), "cobler." Robert Rudd, b. at Warkupp, Westmorland (Warcop). Stephen Holte, b. at Stoke-by-Nayland. Peter Derick, b. at Agremont in Chesselond (? Egmont aan Zee). Richd. Dale, b. at Boxted. Robt. Coke, b. at Manchester, tailor. John Fowle, b. at Aldam, Essex (Aldham), butcher. Robt. Dowsett, b. at Darleton, Yorks. (Dalton), butcher. John Tyler, b. at Cogsall, Essex (Coggeshall), haberdasher. James Wilson, b. at Notyngham, butcher.	13. Deed of Cuthbert Motton, of Norwich, made to Richard Northey, mercer.	
Dorse of Folio 138. **1557-8.** BAILIFFS: JOHN BESTE. JOHN MAYNARD. *Chamberlain,* WINKIN GRENERICE.		5. Deed of John Alfeld, of Colchester, weaver, and Ellen, his wife, made to Sir Francis Jobson. Deed of William Halsnoth, baker, and Agnes, his wife, made to Anthony Hervy, of Layer, miller. Indented deed of Thos. Rich and Bridget, his wife, made to Christopher Seex. 6. Indented deed of William Reve, of Burgh, Suffolk, made to Jerome Gylberd, gentleman. 7. Writing patent of the Lord Henry VIII., late	

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		King of England, made to Sir John Williams, knight, at request of Roger Amys, Esquire. Deed of John Pikerell, tanner, made to Nicholas Halsnoth, tailor, and Emma, his wife. Indented deed of John Mowle, of Sible Hedingham, and Joan, his wife, made to John Browne, vintner. 8. Confirmation of indenture of apprenticeship of Richard Clerk made to Alice Gylder, widow. Indented deed of Henry Asheley, "shareman," and Joan, his wife, made to Thos. Wilbore, tailor. Deed of Richd. Cosyn made to Edward Cole and John Stanton. 9. Indented deed of Edward Lamberd, of Brightlingsey, and Joan, his wife, made to John Murden and Joan, his wife. Deed of Harman Hickman and Katherine, his wife, made to Jerome Gylberd, gent. Deed of Thos. Stampe, "roper," and Agnes, his wife, made to Stephen Hill and Joan, his wife. Triplicate indented deed of John Abell, Esquire, made to Thos. Cosyn. Grant of the office of Clerk of the Market of Colchester, made to John Cole, tailor, by the Bailiffs of the town. 10. Deed of Thomas Roo, of Debeche, Suffolk (Debach), and Mary, his wife, made to Richd. Northey and Katherine, his wife. 11. Release of Michael Goodday and Alice, his wife, made to Jerome Gylberd, gent. Deed of John Alfild, weaver, and Ellen, his wife, made to Thos. Alfild and Wm. Alfild. Indented deed of Peter Cleyse, alias Janken, and Helen, his wife, made to John Hollant and Cicily, his wife. Deed of feoffment of Thos. Hawke and Agnes, his wife, made to William Gyne. Indented deed of John Grene, sen., "paynter," and John Grene, jun., mercer, made to William Beriff, gent. [This entry has been struck through and the word "vacat" written in the margin.] Deed of Wm. Gyne made to Thos. Hawke and Agnes, his wife.	
Folio 139.	1. Wm. Biggisby, b. at Hadleigh, Suffolk, butcher. John Howe, b. at Leirmarney (Layer Marney), butcher. Robt. Gosse, b. at Myldnale (Mildenhall), Suffolk, shoemaker. John Walrand, b. at Excetur (Exeter), butcher. Richd. Wilbore, b. at Notton, Yorks. (Norton), "shareman." John Powe, b. at Kirby Kendall, Yorks., butcher. Francis Hunt, b. at Old Saling, Essex (Gt. Saling), sawyer. John Gasshe, b. at Andwerpe in Brabant (Antwerp), shoemaker. Chas. Baker, b. at		

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Miastright in Luke (Maastricht), shoemaker. Thos. Roofe was admitted to the freedom. Nicholas Rede, b. at Southampton, shoemaker. Robt. Barker, b. at Fyncheley, Herts., scrivener. Henry Moreton, b. at Penton, Northumberland (? Cumberland), butcher. John Wright, b. at Great Bromeley, Essex, mariner. Thos. Ball, b. at Elmested, "husbondman." Humphrey Erle, b. at Fordham, butcher. Thos. Pepper was admitted to the freedom. 3. Henry Andrews, b. at Brokford, Suffolk (Brockford — now joined with Wetheringsett), "husbondman." 6. John Carrowe (or Cargowe), b. at Rumford, Essex, gent. (Romford). 8. John Valey, b. at Okull, Norfolk (? Hockwold), mercer. Nicholas Grenewood, b. at Rotheram, Yorks. (Rotherham). Wm. Mounteyne, b. at Hadleigh, Suffolk, tallow-chandler. John Vring, b. at Estbargholt (East Bergholt). Thos. Wode, b. at Chelmesford. Thomas More, b. at Water Belchamp (Walter Belchamp), "roper." Wm. Rogers, b. at Chilvers Coolen, Warwickshire. Peter Webbe was admitted to the freedom. Peter Weston, b. at Seynt Maryborne, Hants. (St. Mary Bourne). 9. John van Hovell, b. at Cleyve (Cleves), under the government of the Duke of Cleyve, shoemaker.		

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	Roger Nicholl was admitted to the freedom. Robert Watson, b. at Sebber, Yorks. (Sedbergh), "woodwringer).		
1558-9. BAILIFFS: BENJAMIN CLERE. WILLIAM MOTT. WILLIAM SYMPSON, *Chamberlain.*		5. Indenture which Ezekiel Youll, son of Thos. Youll, agreed to (convenit) with John Hogg, of Colchester, "mynstrell." 6. Indenture between William Reve, of Burgh, Suffolk (Bury St. Edmund's), gentleman, of the one part, and Jerome Gilberd, gent., of the other part. Deed of Wm. Reve and Rose, his wife, made to Jerome Gilberd, gent. 7. Deed of John Chambre, of Layer de la Hey, yeoman, made to Thos. Stampe, ropemaker. 8. Deed of Stephen Lambe, butcher, and Margaret, his wife, made to John Barons, of Gt. Birche, yeoman. Deed of Wm. Colton, smith, and Alice, his wife, made to Jerome Gilberd, gent.	
Dorse of Folio 139.	1. David Sympson, gent., b. in the parish of St. Clement Danes, without the bounds (extra barras) of the New Temple, London. Jerome Songer, gent., b. at Pelham, Herts. Francis Reynolds, b. at Estbargholt (East Bergholt), clothier. Edward Strachie, b. at Sudbury, Suffolk, merchant. 4. Adrian Blomfilde, b. at Ippiswiche (Ipswich), saddler. 6. Robt. Barington, b. in St. Giles's parish, Colchester, labourer. 9. John Browne, b. at Wivenhoo, Suffolk (*sic*), baker. 10. Richard Cragbone, b. at Earls Colne, tailor. John Rippington, b. at Dreighton, Bucks. (Drayton), "shereman." 11. Arnold Stope, b. at Sertobusshe, Brabant, glazier. 14. Thomas Franklyn, b. at Maydstone, Kent., butcher. 15. Wm. Priour, b. at Nasyng, Essex (Nazeing), haberdasher. Thos. Holingsworth, b. at Rotheram, Yorks., surgeon. Peter Forman, b. at Cowick, Yorks. Robt. Barington, b.	8. Indented deed of Jerome Gilberd made to Robt. Browne and Robt. Maynard, Aldermen, Wm. Browne, gent., and others. 9. Deed of John Welles, of Branktre (Braintree), bowyer and fletcher, and Mary, his wife, one of the sisters of Robt. Smyth, jun., deceased, Thomas Hawke, of Colchester, cordwainer, and Agnes, his wife, another sister of the said Robert, made to Richd. Tomlynson, of Colchester. Deed of Wm. Beriff, gent., and Katherine, his wife, made to John Beriff, his brother. 10. Leonard Medcalf, of Bricklingsee (Brightlingsea), mariner, stands indicted (indictatus existit) because he has broken the liberty (eo quod fregit libertatem) at Burflete, in Bricklingsee. Deed of Jerome Gilberd, gent., made to John Serjant, "husbondman." Indented deed of Edward Cole, gent., and Agnes, his wife, made to Ralph Radham, saddler. 11. Deed of William Browne, of Colchester, tailor, and Joan, his wife, made to Robt. Browne, Alderman, Robt. Midleton, and Wm. Hall. 12. Deed of Wm. Norman, of Colchester, "tyltewever," made to Wm. Pikerell and Alice, his wife. Deed of Edmund Wilson and Christiana, his wife, made to Wm. Mott, Alderman, and William Lok, draper, but to the service and use of the aforesaid Thos. Woodward. Deed of Austin Beriff, clothier, and Alice, his wife, made to Richd. Valentyne, beer-brewer. 13. Deed of Thomas Grace, late of Colchester, joiner, and Elizabeth, his wife, made to Wm. Thurgore, joiner. Deed of Sir Francis Jobson and the Lady Elizabeth, his wife, made to Thos. Lawrence, late of Bildeston, Suffolk. Indented deed of Robt. Iles, mariner, and Alice, his wife, made to John Loone (or Looue), jun., mariner, and Dorothy, his wife. 14. Deed of Robt. Wilkenson, bricklayer, and Joan, his wife, made to Edmund Byles, "kyddier." Deed of Edmund Byles made to John Vandepit, tailor. Indented deed of Robt. Camock, of Leirmarney (Layer Marney), made to John Lucas, tanner.	

BURGESSES.

at Colchester, cooper

Folio 140.

1559-1560.
BAILIFFS:
GEORGE SAYER.
JOHN BEASTE.

JOHN SOWTHERNE, *Chamberlain.*

1. John Pullen, b. at Hemmingborough, Yorks. (Hemingbrough).
Richard Playstowe, b. at Venys Stratford, Bucks. (Fenny Stratford), surgeon.
John Luson, b. at East Donyland, mariner.
Robt. Iles, b. at Skarborough, Yorks., mariner.
John Hubberd, b. at Heebridge, Essex (Heybridge), joiner.
4. Reynold Johnson, b. Ippiswich (Ipswich), carrier.
Francis Smyth, b. at Grenewiche, Kent (Greenwich), barber.
Richd. Gowge, b. at Neylond, Suffolk (Nayland), clothier.
6. John Spencer, b. in St. Botolph's parish, Colchester, "shareman."
Richard Putto, b. at Chelmysforde (Chelmsford).
Wm. Merkant, b. at Bury St. Edmund's, Suffolk.
Robt. Poyntam, b. in St. Peter's parish, Colchester, pewterer.
Edmund Hampkyn, b. at Wivenhoo, Essex.
John Vring, b. at Billerica, merchant.
John Ladbroke, b. in St. James's parish, Colchester, clothier.
7. Wm. Ram, b. at Pleshey, Essex.
8. John Crowe, b. at Wileigh (Weeley), Essex, mariner.
13. Thos. Seeton, b. at

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15. Indented deed of Edward Lyat, smith, and Alice, his wife, daughter and heir of Joan, late wife of Robert Rogers, daughter and heir of John Symod (*sic*), son and heir of John Symond, formerly of Colchester, fuller, made to John Lowthe and John Welles.
Indented deed of Gerard Helbury and Ann, his wife, made to Winkin Grenerice, cordwainer, and Adam Harwood, grocer.
16. Deed of Agnes Christofer, daughter of Giles Christofer and blood-relation and next heir of John Christofer, deceased, made to John Barington and Wm. Rogers, to the service and use of Katherine Cornell.
Indented deed of Cornelius Jacobson, cooper, and Katherine, his wife, made to Conrad Johnson and Margaret, his wife.
Deed of Peter Stock, glazier, and Margaret, his wife, made to John Dexter.
5. Indented deed of Lawrence Cutlere and Margaret, his wife, made to Edward Forde, wheelwright.
Deed of Garrard Shilbury, merchant, and Ann, his wife, made to Richd. Valentyne.
Indenture between the same parties.
Deed of John Mathew made to Wm. Danyell and Robt. Smyth.
7. Deed of Roger Batt, mariner, made to Christopher Batt, his son.
Indented deed of the said Christopher to Roger Batt and Katherine, his wife.
8. Indented deed of Christopher Halsnoth and Agnes, his wife, made to John George.
Deed of Margery Audeley, of Little Horkesley, widow, and Thomas Audeley, her son, made to John Maynard, alderman.
Indented deed of Jerome Gilberd, gent., and Jane, his wife, made to Thos. Chales.
Indented deed of Wm. Saunderson and Martin, his wife, made to Wm. Jarmyn and Mary, his wife.
Indentéd deed of the said Wm. and Mary Jarmyn, made to John Duffell, mariner, and Bridget, his wife.
Indented deed of Robt. Snowdon and John Warner, "husbondman," made to Wm. Richardson, smith, and Joan, his wife.
11. Deed of Henry Smyth, of London, made to Stephen Craske, of London.
Deed of Matthew Durant, "pynner," and Elizabeth, his wife, made to the said Stephen Craske.
Letter of attorney by the aforesaid Matthew and Elizabeth, made to George Dibny and William Dibny.
12. Deed of Margaret Harvy, of London, widow, made to the said Stephen Craske.
Deed of Thos. Roofe, weaver, and Ann, his wife, made to Wm. Rand and John Godfrey.
13. Deed of Richd. Cletcher, clothier, and Rose, his wife, made to John Hogg.
12. Indented deed of William Tyffin, of Gesthorpe (Gestingthorpe), made to Philip Cole and Joan Whale.

WILLS.

	BURGESSES.	LEASES, ETC.	WILLS.
	Gosbertowne, Lincs (Gosberton). John Hunwick, b. at Sudbury, merchant. Thos. Alderson, b. at Bowes, Yorks., butcher. 16. Robt. Compton, b. at Bury St. Edmund's.		
Dorse of Folio 140. **1560-1.** BAILIFFS: ROBERT BROWNE. ROBERT NORTHEN. EDMUND WILSON, *Chamberlain.*	1. Wm. Cardinall, b. at Wenham, Suffolk, gent. 5. Wm. Beriff, b. at Bricklingse (Brightlingsea), merchant. 6. Thos. Johnson, b. at Bury St. Edmund's, glazier. John Lufkyn, b. at Dedham, tailor. John Legon, b. at Westchester, Cheshire (Chester), grocer. John Damsell, jun., b. at Dedham, baker. John Hubberd, b. at Benenden, Kent, beer-brewer. Wm. Allyn, b. at Maydstone, Kent, beer-brewer. 9. Michael Darby, b. at Colchester. John Evererd, b. at Wisbitch, Cambs. (Wisbech), "poticary." John Smart, b. at Horsley, Essex (Horkesley). Henry Lambe, b. at Colchester, butcher. 10. John Love, jun., and Robert Love, b. at East Donyland.	5. Deed of John Forde, gent., made to Nicholas Maynard and James Tomson, but to the service of Rose Metam, wife of Wm. Metam. Deed of John Alfild, weaver, and Agnes, his wife, made to Robt. Northen, Alderman. 6. Deed of John Pikerell, tanner, made to John Bate, glover. Deed of the said Bate to the said Pikerell. Deed of John Hardkyn, gent., and Elizabeth, his wife, made to Edward Bovell and Alice, his wife. 7. Deed of John Starling and Christina, his wife, made to Robt. Northen, Alderman. Deed of the said John and Christina Sterling (*sic*) to James Tomson. A like deed. Deed of Thos. Hawke and Agnes, his wife, made to George Sayer, Alderman. Deed of Geoffrey Wright and Katherine, his wife, made to Wm. Danyell. 8. Deed of Nicholas Grenewood, joiner, and Joan, his wife, made to Humphrey Erle. A like deed. Letter of attorney of Peter Walle, clerk, made to John Outlawe. Indented deed of Jakes Tomson and Katherine, his wife, made to Adam Dynes. 9. Indenture made between Wm. and Thos. Alfild, of the one part, and John Maynard, Alderman, of the other part. Deed by the said Wm. and Thos. Alfild to the said Maynard. Indenture between John Harvy, gent., and Alice, his wife, of the one part, and the said Maynard, of the other part. 10. Indented deed of John Denby and Joan, his wife, made to Robt. Godfrye. Deed of Wm. Alfild and Margaret, his wife, made to Robt. Northen, Alderman. 11. Deed of Richd. Been, "tynker," and Margery, his wife, made to Henry Taylcote. Deed of John Beste, Alderman, and Joan, his wife, made to Lawrence Cockson. Deed of Wm. Beriff, gent., and Katherine, his wife, made to James Tomson. 12. Deed of Thos. Reve, John Johnson, and Henry Herdson, of London, made to Jerome Balborowe, gent. Deed of Nicholas Richards and Joan, his wife, made to William Barret. 14. Three indentures of apprenticeship made to John Hogg, "minstrelle."	12. William Blyat.
Folio 141. BAILIFFS: JOHN MAYNARD. ROBT. MYDDELTON. JOHN DETHYCK, *Chamberlain.*	2. John Ramston, b. at Kersey, Suffolk. 3. John Flinth (?), b. at Conwey, Cornwall (Conway). 4. Thos. Biggs, b. at Glemsford, Suffolk 6. Thos. Johnson, b. at Gt. Bardfeld, Essex. Richd. Johnson, b. at	5. Deed of Nicholas Clere made to John Wright and Ann, his wife. Deed of Thos. Johnson and Emma, his wife, made to Rose [no surname given.] 7. Writing of release of Wm. Lovers and Elizabeth, his wife, made to Wm. Beriff. 8. Deed of Lawrence Coxton made to John Maynard. Indented writing of Richard Yonger and Katherine, his wife, made to Andrew Damyon.	

	BURGESSES.	LEASES, ETC.	WILLS.
	Cattol, Yorks. 6. Thos. Elmes, b. at Stoke-by-Clare, Suffolk. John Mowld, b. at Colchester. Thos. Ladbroke, b. at Colchester. John Collin, b. at Maplested, Essex. John Gowge, b. at Naylond, Suffolk. Miles Labin, b. at Windford, Berks. Robt. Frankham, b. at Sherley, Essex (Shelley ?). Robt. Glamvill, b. at Saxmundham. John Larret (?) [birthplace illegible].	Letter of attorney of the same Richard and Katherine. 9. Deed of Robt. Shepard made to John Dethick. Deed of John Gine, gent., made to Richard Whale, Richd. Collett, Richd. Grene, and Walter Hare. 10. Deed of Thomas Audeley made to John Gine, gent., and Eleanor, his wife. Deed of John Lowthe, sen., and Margaret, his wife, made to John Hunwyck. 11. Deed of John Welles made to Winkin Grenerice. Deed of John Lufkyn and Frances, his wife, made to Robt. Frankham. Last Roll. Deed of Robt. Lader, made to John Woodward. Deed of John Woodward made to Robt. Lader and Agnes, his wife.	
Dorse of Folio 141. **1562-3.** BAILIFFS: BENJAMIN CLERE. ROBERT LAMBART. SIMON SMYTH, *Chamberlain.*	2. Edwd. Bovell, b. at Newcastle, Northumberland. William Taylecot, b. at Waters Cotton, co. Warwick (Water Orton). 7. Robt. Neate, b. at Nottingham. George Yles, b. at Scarborowe, Yorks. John Bonner, b. at Uxbridge (?), Middlesex. Wm. Halsnoth, b. at Colchester. 8. John Lightfote, b. at .....,‡ co. Richmond. Wm. Annys, b. at London. John Boteld (?), b. at Colchester. 9. John Bate, b. at Dayntre, Northants. (Daventry). 10. Edmund Cosen, b. Donmowe, Essex (Dunmow). Robert and John Lambert, b. at Colchester. 12. John Lamb (?), saddler, b. at Colchester.	4. Deed of Thos. Wilbore made to Wm. Ram. Release of Thos. Wilbore to Wm. Ram. Indented writing between John Beriff "and Dorothie his wiff and William Beriff."* 5. Deed of Austin Beriff and Katherine, his wife, made to George Sayer. Deed of Richd. Burges, Thos. Burges, and John Norman, made to John Vring. 8. Deed of Gregory Forde and Emma, his wife, made to John Lightfote. Deed of John Rose made to Wm. Lorde. 11. Release of Robt. Frauncys made to Thos. Rose. 11 and 12. Deed of Thos. Lambe and Agnes, his wife, made to Wm. Patinson. 13. Deed of John Mytche made to John Fowle. Writing obligatory of John Mytche made to John Fowle. Deed of John Fowle and Margery,† his wife, made to Anthony Mytche. Deed of the said John Fowle and Margery,† his wife, made to the same Anthony Fowle. Deed of the said John Fowle and Margery,† made to the aforesaid Anthony. Deed of the said Anthony to John Fowle. 14. Deed of the said Anthony to the said John and Margery.† A like deed. Deed of Thos. Mytche to John Fowle. Writing obligatory of John Mytche to John Fowle.	
Folio 142. **1563-4.** BAILIFFS: GEORGE SAYER. JOHN BEASTE. JOHN WOOD, *Chamberlain.*	7. John Stele, b. at Wakefeld, Yorks. Thos. Emes, b. at Colchester. Thos. Bussard, b. at Somerton, Suffolk. John Myddelton, b. at Hornchurche. Wm. Horbey, b. at [§] in co. [§]. 11. Wm. Northen, b. a Ardleigh. Abraham Eversham, b. at Alphin in Holland (Alfen).	4. Deed of Thos. Chales and Petronilla, his wife, made to Jerome Gilbert, gent. 6. Deed of Wm. Priour and Margaret, his wife, made to Christopher Batte and Agnes, his wife. 9. Deed of Henry Warner made to Edwd. Patinson. 10. Deed of Robt. Frankham and Alice, his wife, made to Richd. Northey. 11. Deed of Lawrence Coxon made to Wm. Beriff.	

*Entry begins in Latin and finishes in English.
† "Margaret" has been struck through in each case and "Margeree" written above it.
‡ Illegible.
§ Left blank in MS.

BURGESSES.	LEASES, ETC.	WILLS.
Nicholas Mason, b. at Gt. Byrche.		
2. Richd. Aberford, gent., b. at Thaxsted.		
John Bogas (?)*, b. at Colchester.		
3. Wm. Loggyn, b. at Norwyche.		
Stephen Hill, b. at Yckelton, Cambs.		
Thos Fayrested, b. at Colcherter.		
Thos. Ryche, b. at Lexden, is re-admitted to the freedom.		
5. Edmund Downe, b. at Newe Romney, Kent (New Romney).		
John Bewyk, b. at Colchester.		
Wm. Denham, b. at Waltham Holy Cross, Essex.		
Wm. Welles, b. at Wargrove, Berks. (Wargrave).		
10. James Tomlinson, b. at Hadley, Suffolk.		
Robt. Wylkynson, b. at Tykell, Yorks. (Tickhill).		
Wm. Nycoll, b. at Boxsted, Essex.		
12. Arthur Wilson, b. at Colchester.		
Simon Cok, b. at Sudbury, Suffolk.		
Robt. Kyngeston, b. at Grymesby, Lins.		

Dorse of Folio 142 *is blank.*

*An erasure in MS. The name written over it cannot be deciphered with certainty.

EXTRACTS FROM ANCIENT LEGAL RECORDS BEARING ON THE BOROUGH RIGHTS OF JURISDICTION.†

[*Folio* 143. *Latin Entry.*]—*Michaelmas Term* 27 *and* 28 *Elizabeth*, [1585-6].—Essex. Memorandum that on Saturday 20 days after the Octave of St. Michael, in this term, before the Queen at Westminster, Ralph Northie appeared by his attorney Thomas Ive, and proffered in Court a certain bill of his against Garrard Shelbery, clerk, of a plea of trespass super casum, sureties, John Doo and Richard Roo; which bill follows in these words:—

Ralph Northie complains of the said Gerrard Shilberye (*sic*) clerk, that on June 20, 1585 (27 Eliz.) at Colchester from a certain house built near the house and ground of the said RalphNorthie the rainwater, running and falling from time to time, not only totally flooded the ground of the aforesaid Ralph, but also the mortar and walls of his house, contiguous to the house of the aforesaid Gerrard, seriously injuring and rotting the same, so that the aforesaid Ralph has for a great time lost the profit of his ground and building aforesaid; and has caused other injury whereby it is deteriorated. And the said Ralph, by his attorney John Ive (*sic*) thereupon came here to seek, claim, prosecute, and defend all his liberties, and he seeks his liberty, to wit to have cognisance of the plea aforesaid before the Bailiffs of Colchester in the Mote hall of Colchester. As authority for this claim the Charter of Edward IV. granted to Colchester, is quoted, giving power to the Bailiffs to hear pleas of trespass and other pleas.—[*Dorse of Folio* 143].—The attorney of the Bailiffs has thereon fixed a day for hearing the plea before the Bailiffs. And it is therefore ordered that such plea be duly heard before them.

Michaelmas Term 27 *and* 28 *Elizabeth* [1585-6]. Memorandum, that on the Saturday, 20 days after the Octave of St. Michael, Garrard Shilbery appears before the Queen at Westminster by his attorney John Ive, and prefers a bill against Richard Northie and John Northye (*sic*) of a plea of trespass. Sureties, John Doo and Richd. Roo. This bill (given in full) sets forth on behalf of Gerrard Shelburye (*sic*), clerk, that Ralph Northie and John Northy (*sic*) on June 24, 1585, broke into and entered "vi et armis" the house of Garrard Shelburye (*sic*) of Colchester, and cut down "tecti pedes, anglice dictos *the sparre feete or eaves*," whereby the posts and walls, by the abundance of water, were spoilt. And Gerrard Shelberye (*sic*) thereon claims £20 for damages.—[*Folio* 144.—*Latin entry continued.* — *Summarised*]. — The said Ralph Northye and John Northie (*sic*) by their attorney Thomas Ive, defend their action and claim the right of cognisance of the suit in the Bailiffs' court at Colchester, again citing the Charter of Edward IV., which liberty is allowed them. And the attorney of the Bailiffs and commonalty thereupon fixes a day for the said suit.—[*End of Folio* 144].*

THE RIGHT OF THE BOROUGH TO DEODANDS AND GOODS OF SUICIDES.†

[*Dorse of Folio* 144. *Latin.—Summarised.*]

Writ in the Octave of Hilary against Richd. Cocke of Wyvenhoe, in Lexden Hundred, mariner, concerning a mast (malo) value 13s. 4d., which was cause of the death of Tobias Bale, and afterwards came into his (Cocke's) hands. In Hilary in 26 Elizabeth [1583] the said Richd. Cooke (*sic*) appeared in court and produced letters patent granted by progenitors of the Queen to the town of Colchester, and certain other letters patent, whereupon it is allowed and enrolled that the Bailiffs and commonalty of Colchester have all

*These entries illustrate the indifference prevalent at this period as to the spelling of surnames. Northye and Northie appear in the same line, and the name of the other litigant is spelt Shelbery, Shilberye, Shilbery, Shelburye, and Shelberye. His Christian name is given indifferently as Garrardus and Gerrardus. It will be noticed that in the next entry another person is mentioned as Cooke, Cocke, Cock, and Coch.

goods and chattels of suicides, and deodands, within the town aforesaid and its liberty. Whereon the same Bailiffs and commonalty and the aforesaid Richd. Cocke are discharged concerning the goods and chattels aforesaid, and process is stayed entirely.

Extracted from the Records, Roll 1.

Writ in Trinity term against Richd. Coch (*sic*) of Wivenhoe, mariner, and Thos. Saffron, of the same, mariner, concerning a certain ship, with its furniture, apparatus, and ornaments belonging to the same, and concerning a certain "bintere" to the same ship, of the value of 30s., which were the cause of the death of James Wakering, and afterwards came to their hands. In Hilary 26 Eliz [1583] the said Richd. Cock and Thos. Saffron appeared in the Queen's Court and produced certain letters patent by progenitors of the Queen, and certain other letters patent, whereupon it is allowed and enrolled that the Bailiffs and commonalty of Colchester have all goods and chattels of suicides and deodands, both within the town and also within the liberties adjoining the said town. Whereon the same Bailiffs and commonalty, and the same Richd. and Thomas are entirely discharged concerning the aforesaid goods and chattels, "ut eant inde sine die."

Extracted from the Records, Roll 46.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 144.]

ORDINANCES MADE IN 1447.†

[*Folio* 145 *Blank. Dorse of Folio* 145, *marked lxxiij.*]

[*Latin.*] Ordinances made and established by the Bailiffs, Aldermen, and Council of the town, and the greater part of the commonalty, on Monday after the Assumption [Aug. 15] 25 Henry VI. [1447] in the time of Robert Silby and Roger Wyk, Bailiffs, which ordinances are to be read each year on the Election Day, before the whole commonalty there, to the intent that the commonalty may be able to know in what manner they are governed in the election of Bailiffs, Justices, Aldermen, and the other officers in the town.

[The Ordinances follow in English.]

Firste, where (whereas) Kyng Herry the Sixte, our sovereyn lord hath graunted unto us burgeys of Colchestre, to our heirs and our successours, by his chartre, of his speciall grace, that we at the tyme of eleccon of Baillifs of old tyme accustumed, yerely mowe chese (must choose) iiij. of the moste worthy and discrete persones, burgeys of the seid toun, for to be Justicis of the pees, togider with the Baillyfs of the seid toun, for the tyme beyng, from the tyme of eleccion by an hoole yer (for a whole year) wyth in the same toun, liberte, suburb, and precincte thereof; and that tho (those) iiij. men and Bailiffs, v., iiij., and ij., be justices of the pees in the said toun, liberte, suburb, precincte, of the same; and that tho (those) Justices for the tyme beyng, v., iiij., iij., and ij. of them, have full correccion, punisment, power, and auctorite to knowen, inqueren (enquire), heren and determinen (hear and determine) all thyngis and matiers, as well of all manere felonies, trespasses, mesprisouns, and extorciouns, as of all other causes, querels, and misdedys, whatsomever they be, wyth in the same toun and liberte, suburb, and precincte of the same, from hens forward in eny manere wyse happyng or fallyng, as holy and fully as the Justices of pees and Justices to felonies, trespasses, and othir misdedis to heren and determinen assigned, and to be assigned, and also Justices of Weyghtis, mesures, hunters, servannts, laborers, and artificers, in eny shire or place of his kyngdom of Ingland haven; and that no Justicis to his pees in his shire of Essex, or in eny other shire or place of his Kyngdam of Ingland to be kepte, but only the seid iiij men and Baillifs, v., iiij., iij., or ij. of them, have power to correcten, inqueren, heren, and determinen, onythyng wythin the same town of Colcestr' or wythin the same liberte, suburb, and precincte of the same done

(? town) as in the seid chartre more pleynly appereth.

BAILIFFS AND OTHER OFFICERS TO BE OF THE LIVERY OF THE TOWN.†

Whereupon we, Baillifs of the seid toun, for the wele of pees, and norshyng love (nourishing of love), and to avoide mischifes that might falle amonge us throw (through) the misusyng of the seid liberte and in eschewyng of oppression of our comburgeys of the seid toun, —[*End of Dorse of Folio 145. Continuation on Folio 146, marked* lxxiiij.]—wych God defende, by avise and comune assent of all our counceel of the seid toun, have ordeygned, stabled (established) and affermed that fro thys tyme forward no baillif, Justice of the pees, Coronere nor Clavyour be electe in to eny of the seid offices, but if he be at tyme of the eleccion of the hole clothyng (livery) of the seid toun ; and that no man be chose in to the hole clothyng to ocupie as alderman, other wyse of old tyme called auditour, but if he be at the tyme of the seid eleccion in the hodyng (holding) of lyvere (livery) of the seid toun ; and if eny eleccion be made in tyme comyng to the contrary thereof, that eleccion to be voyde of that persone or persones so chosen, and holde for none (and held for nought) ; and thanne (then) it be leefull to the baillifs and aldirmen, by the advise of alle the hole councel, or the more partye of them therein accordyng, to chose such persone or persones in theire stede, of the clothyng (livery) and of the hodyng (holding) as it is aforseid, as is most necessarie and profitable to the wurship (worship) of the seid toun to ocupie for the yer folwyng (year following).

RESTRICTION OF POWERS OF THE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.†

Also we have ordeyned and enstabled, by the avise of the seid councell, that no Justice of the pees, in the seid toun, do arreste no man by the vertue of his office, but by comaundment of warant, directe (directed) to the serjauntis of the seid toun, or to on (one) of them ; and, for defaute of serjaunts beyng absent, to a constable of the seid toun. And that no Justice of the pees of the seid toun make no supersedeas azens othir (against another), for delyveraunce of no persone so arrested, but only the baillifs of the seid toun for the tyme beyng. And that no seurte of the pees (surety of the peace) in tyme comying be taken by non of the Justices of the pees, but in the baillifs presence, or one of them, for the tyme beyng ; and that seurte duly and truly to ben entred by the common Clerk of the seid toun. And if eny warant or eny othir thyng that longith (belongeth) to the office of Justice of pees, in eny manere wyse, that it be made be (by) the seid common Clerk or his depute in his absence, for wych he will answere for and non othir.

FINES, &C., TO BE IMPOSED ONLY AT THE MOOT HALL AT THE SESSIONS OF THE PEACE.†

And also we have ordeigned and enstablesshed that all manere fines, issues, forfeturis, and amercyments, concernyng, apperteynyng, and forfeted to the office of Justice of pees be modered (ordered ?), assessed, nor made in no other place but in the moothall of the seid toun, at the cessiouns of pees there holden by the baillifs and Justics of pes, there at that time beyng ; and that the fines, issues, forfetures and amercyments, duly and truly to be wryten by the seid clerk, or his depute in his absence, and arered (raised) and gadred (gathered) by the serjaunts of the seid toun, they fyndyng seurte therefor, as they do for other thyngs apperteynyng to ther office of old time ; and to zelde (yield) accompte there of duly to the chamberleyns of the seid toun—[*End of Folio* 146 (*marked* lxiiij). *Continuation on Dorse.*]—for the tyme beyng in presence of the seid baillifs and Justices, and all the Aldermen of the seid toun ; and that the fines, issues, forfetures, and amercyments so gadred to be kepte to the wele, use, and profyte of

the same toun, wyth ought (without) eny peny there of to be conceled.

AS TO FORFEITED GOODS AND CHATTELS.†

Also, more over, to flye oppression and haynous reule, that myght falle in tyme comyng, in amenutising (diminishing) and destroing of our povere comburgeis (poor comburgesses) and inhabitaunts of the seid toun, we have ordeyned, affermed, and enstablisshed that if eny good or catell of felons, futifs (fugitives), oughtlawed, dampned, and howsomever convicte men, for as wyth in the seid toun, or liberte, suburb, or precincte there of, happe to be founde, and if eny such good or catell of felouns, of hymself, wyth in the same toun, or wyth in the seid liberte, suburb, or precincte there of founde ; and also if eny persone do eny trespas, for wych hym oweth (ought) to lese (lose) lyfe, or membre, or fle (fly) and wil nat stande to the jugement, or eny other trespas do for the wyche he oweth (ought) to lese his catells (lose his chattels), all such manere forfeturis and revenues shull be modered (ordered ?) assessed, governed, and demened by the advise and discrecion of the baillifs, Justices of the pees, and all the aldirmen of the seid toun, for the tyme beyng, or the more partye of them there in accordyng, and to be kepte and arered to the use and profite of al the common of the seid toun, wych God kepe and preserve from all mischefes and disseses.—[*End of Dorse of Folio* 146 (lxxiiij).]

PROTECTION OF THE BURGESSES FROM UNDUE EXACTIONS, 1405.†

[*Folio* 147. *Marked* lxxv. *Latin.*]—Writs for the liberty of the town of Colchester prosecuted against the Sheriff of London, for diverse customs unjustly taken from various burgesses in the city of London, 7th Henry IV. [1405.]

Henry, by the grace of God, King of England and France and Lord of Ireland, to the Sheriff of London, greeting.

Whereas, amongst other liberties and acquittances granted to our beloved Burgesses of the town of Colchester, by our progenitors, formerly Kings of England, which by our charter, with clause thereto, we have confirmed, it is granted to them that they shall be quit, throughout all England and throughout seaports, of toll, lastage, passage, pontage, and all other customs, at all times and in all places ; and that if anyone shall take toll or custom from them, the same Burgesses may take from the city, or from the borough, or from the town, by which toll or custom shall have been taken, so much as the Burgesses of the said town have given for toll, or so much for the damage which they have sustained ; and that they and their heirs and successors, Burgesses of the said Borough, shall be quit in perpetuity of murage, picage, and panage, and of all their things and merchandise, throughout all our Kingdom and power, and thoughout all our seaports, as in the said charters and confirmation is more fully contained.

We command you that you allow the same Burgesses to be quit of such toll, lastage, passage, pontage, murage, picage, and panage, and all other customs belonging to you, according to the tenour of the charters and confirmation aforesaid, and if you shall have made any distraint on them on that account, you shall with all speed remove the same.

Witness myself at Westminster, Nov. 16th, in the 7th year of our reign.

Then follows another writ to the Sheriff of London dated Nov. 18th, 7th Henry IV., in exactls similar terms, except that the last clause is as follows :—

We command you, as we have at other time commanded you, that you allow the same Burgesses to be quit of such toll, lastage, passage, pontage, murage, picage, and panage, and all other customs belonging to you, according to the tenour of the charters and confirmation aforesaid, or you shall signify cause to us why you have too little complied with our mandate at other time addressed to you.

[Then follows (*in Latin*) this memorandum.]

Look in the acts before the Justices itinerant in Essex, at Colchester, namely Simon de Insula (de Lisle), Ralph Gernun, and Richard de Seynger, 3rd Henry III. [1218-9].

[*End of Folio* 147 (lxxv.) *Dorse blank.*]

AGREEMENT WITH THE ABBOT OF ST. JOHN, 1338.†

[*Folio* 148, *marked* lxxvi. *Latin.*]

In the time of Ralph Ode and Joseph Elyanore, Bailiffs of Colchester, a Composition between the Bailiffs, Burgesses, and Commonalty of Celchester, of the one part, and the Abbot and Convent of St. John, Colchester, of the other part 12th Edward III. [1338.]

Whereas discords, contentions, and demands had been moved and had arisen between the Abbot and Convent of St. John, Colchester, of the one part, and the Bailiffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the Borough of Colchester, on the other part, upon certain articles and demands concerning which the said Bailiffs, burgesses and commonalty claimed against the said Abbot and convent, and vexed them by distraints and other burdens (gravamina), to wit that the aforesaid Abbot and convent ought to be taxed for their lands and tenements, rents and chattels, being within the precinct of the liberty of the Borough, together with the burgesses themselves to all businesses and charges in any way, and from whatsoever cause, touching the said burgesses and commonalty of the said borough. And also that the Abbot should come, thrice in each year, to the court of the said burgesses, either by himself or by his attorney, for five acres of land which he holds in Holefeld, which formerly were Stephen Tutproud's.

So by the intervention of mutual friends (communibus amicis intervenientibus) peace is brought about between the aforesaid parties, namely that :—

The aforesaid Abbot and convent, for themselves and their successors, concede that they are bound to pay to the aforesaid burgesses and commonalty, and their successors, in perpetuity, 13s. 4d. of silver per annum, always within the octave of Easter, for several taxes, aids and demands touching the aforesaid town, beside the taxations granted to the lord King, his heirs or successors, by the commonalty of the kingdom, or in future to be granted. As to which taxations let it be done in future, as it was wont to be done before the date of tnis composition. And that the Abbot of the place aforesaid, for the time being, either by himself or by his attorney, shall come three times per annum, to do suit for the land aforesaid, at three Lawhundreds of the said burgesses, namely at the Lawhundreds held in Colchester on Monday after Michaelmas, on Monday after St. Hilary, and on Monday after Hokeday.

And the aforesaid Bailiffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the Borough, for themselves and their successors, will and concede by these presents that the Abbot and convent, and their successors, for their several lands, tenements, and rents, and possessions whatsoever, being on the day of the completion of this agreement in seisin of the said Abbot and convent, and for the chattels which they have or may have in future within the borough aforesaid, or within the precinct of the liberty of the same borough, shall be quit and absolved in perpetuity from all and singular tolls, requests (prestacionibus) assessments, aids, and demands, touching the said Bailiffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the said borough, or their successors, the taxations granted as aforesaid to the lord King, his heirs or successors, by the commonalty of the Kingdom, being alone excepted.

And further the aforesaid Bailiffs, burgesses and commonalty concede by these presents, for themselves and their successors, that in future they will not tax nor assess the said Abbot and convent, or their successors, nor will exact or

levy anything from them, by reason of any tax, aid, request, or assessment by the Bailiffs and commonalty of the borough aforesaid, or other persons whatsoever, granted, exacted, or imposed, or in future to be granted or imposed, for the lands, tenements and chattels aforesaid, for whatsoever cause, as is aforesaid, the taxation granted to the lord King by the commonalty of the Kingdom, as is aforesaid, always excepted.

Nor shall they exact nor be able to demand in future from the same Abbot and convent, or their successors, any suit or attendance (adventum) at the court or hundred of the borough, for lands and tenements being in seisin of the said Abbot and convent on the day of the completion of the present [agreement] excepting attendance at the three law hundreds, as is above expressed.—[*End of Folio* 148.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 148.]—And the aforesaid Abbot and convent will and concede for themselves and their successors, in perpeteity, that it shall be lawful for the burgesses and their successors, either by themselves or by their Bailiffs aforesaid, to distrain the Abbot and convent and their successors, by all their goods and chattels, alive as well as dead, anywhere found within the liberty of Colchester, and to retain [such] distraints, if the aforesaid Abbot or his successors shall make default in payment of the aforesaid 13s. 4d., at the term specified; or if they shall make default by absence at any Lawhundred aforesaid until full satisfaction be made to the said burgesses and their successors for the non-payment and default aforesaid.

And to the faithful holding and observance of all and singular matters contained in these compositions, the parties aforesaid, for themselves and their successors, respectively bind themselves by these presents.

In witness whereof the Bailiffs, burgesses, and commonalty have placed the common seal of the Borough to the portion of this indenture to remain with the Abbot and Convent; and the Abbot and Convent have placed their common seal to the other part of the indenture to remain with the aforesaid Bailiffs, burgesses and commonalty.

Witnesses: Thomas Baynard, John Dyn, Knights; Robert de Cheddeworth, Robert de Teye, William de Teye, James de Bures, John atte Grove, Hugh de Feryngg, and others.

Dated at Colchester on the Monday in the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, in the 12th year of Edward III [1338].—[*End of Dorse of Folio* 148.]

COPY OF THE CHARTER OF HENRY III. DISAFFORESTING PART OF ESSEX FOREST.†

[*Folio* 149, *marked* lxxvii. *Latin*].

Copia carte forestatis de Essex.—Carta Henrici tertii.

Henry, by the grace of God, etc., to all to whom these present letters shall come, greeting. It appears to us by inspection of the Chancery Rolls of John, formerly King of England, our progenitor, that the same our progenitor caused his charter to be made in these words:—

John, by the grace of God, etc., to the Archbishop, bishops, abbots, earls, barons, Justices, sheriffs, foresters, provosts, and all his Bailiffs and faithful subjects, greeting. Know ye that we have disafforested the forest of Essex which is beyond the causeway (calceam) towards the north which leads from Sterteford towards Colchester, as far as the Wood of Wykehaya (?)* where the head of the ditch which is called Haydich is joined to the aforesaid causeway; and from thence beyond the causeway as the road goes as far as the New Bridge; and from thence as the great road (magnum cheminum) leads, as far as Eyland

* Wykehaya. This word is not distinct. In other versions of the Charter the wood is described as "the wood of Weldhora." Morant transcribes it "Wydehaia." The "causeway" is the road from Bishop Stortford to Colchester.

(Nayland.) So that the forest as far as the aforesaid bounds, and the men dwelling therein, and their heirs, may be disafforested and free and released, and quit in perpetuity concerning us and our heirs, of all things which belong to a forest and forestry, and that they may take and have all manner of game which they are able to take within the said metes. Wherefore we will and firmly command that the aforesaid forest, within the aforesaid metes, as well as those dwelling therein and their heirs, be disafforested, and that they be quit concerning ourselves, and our heirs, in perpetuity, of all things which belong to a forest and forestry, and that they may take and have all manner of game which they are able to take within the metes aforesaid.

Witnesses : The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishops of Ely, Norwich, and London. O (?) son of Peter Earl of Essex, Earl W. Marshal, R. Earl of Leicester, William de Bracla, and H[ugh ?] de Nevyle.

Dated by the hands of Simon Provost of Beverley and Archdeacon of Wells, at Westminster, 25th March, 5th John.

We therefore have concluded to exemplify the tenour of the aforesaid enrolment by the present [letters].

In witness whereof we have caused these letters to be made patent. Witness myself at Westminster the 10th July, in the second year of our reign.—Stanley.

Extracted by John Kyrkeby and John Pygot, clerks.—[*End of Folio* 149 (lxxvii.)]

STATUTES OF 1388.†

[*Norman French.*]

Statutes of the 12th (Richard II.) *at Cambridge.*

For common profit and universal good of the whole realm our lord the King [Richard] at his Parliament held at Cambridge, the morrow of the Nativity of our Lady, in the 12th year of his reign, by the assent of the lords and commons there assembled, has made certain statutes and ordinances in the form following.

Firstly it is granted and agreed that Holy Church may have all her liberties and franchises, and that the Great Charter and the Charter of the Forest and all other statutes and ordinances before this time made, and not repealed, be duly held and firmly kept.

Also, it is granted and agreed that the Chancellor, Treasurer, Keeper of the Privy Seal, Steward of the King's house, King's Chamberlain, clerks of Rolls, Justices of the one Bench and of the other, Barons of the Exchequer, and all others who shall be called to ordain, name, or make Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs (viscountes), Escheators, Customers, Controllers, or any other officer or minister of the King, be firmly sworn and put on their oath that they shall not ordain, name, and make Justice of the Peace, Sheriff, Escheator.

De Justiciis Pacis, vic., Esc., Custumar., et aliis officiariis Regis ordinandis

Customer, Controller, nor any other officer or minister of the King, for any manner of gift or trafficking (brocache), favour, or affection; that no one who pursues for himself, or for other, in secret or openly, to be in any manner of office, be placed in the same office, or any other; but that they make all such officers and ministers of the best and most loyal and most sufficient, to their knowledge and their conscience.

De statutis artific. labor. custod

Also, it is granted and agreed that all the statutes of Artificers, Labourers, Servants, and Victuallers, made as well in the time of our lord the King who now is, as in the time of his noble grandfather, whom God assoil, not being repealed, be firmly held and kept and duly executed; and that the said Artificers, Labourers, Servants, and Victuallers be duly justified by the Justices of the Peace, as well at suit of

the King as of party, according to the requirement of the said statutes ; and that the Mayors, Bailiffs, and Stewards of Lords and Constables of towns, duly do their office touching such Artificers, Servants, Labourers, and Victuallers, and that stocks (ceps) be in each town to justify the same Servants and Labourers, as is ordained in the Statutes aforesaid.

[De] Laborar. non . . dendo de hundredo.

And further it is ordained and agreed that no Servant or Labourer, be he man or woman, depart at the end of his term outside the hundred, rope, or wapentake where he is residing, to serve or reside elsewhere, or by colour of going afar on a pilgrimage, unless he carry letters patent containing the cause of his going, and the time of his returning, if he ought to return, under the seal of the King, which for this purpose shall be assigned and delivered into the keeping of some worshipful man (prodomme) of the hundred, or hundreds, rope, or wapentake, city, and borough, according to the discretion of the Justices of the Peace, to be kept and lawfully to make such letters, when it is needful, and not in other manner, by his oath; and that around the said seal be written the name of the county, and across (a travers) the said seal the name of the said hundred, rope, or wapentake, city, or borough; and if any Servant or Labourer be found in city, borough, or elsewhere, coming from any neighbouring place, without such letter, he shall be forthwith taken by the said mayors, bailiffs, stewards, or constables, and placed in the stocks (ceppes)—[*End of Dorse of Folio* 149. *Continuation on Folio* 150 (lxxviij)]—and kept until he have found surety to return to his service, or to serve or labour in the town whence he comes, until he has such letter to depart for reasonable cause. And it is to be remembered that Servant or

Littere patentes . . . .

De decedendo a servicio.

Labourer can freely depart from his service at the end of his term, and serve elsewhere, so that he be in a certainty with whom, and have such letter as aforesaid. But it is not the intention of this ordinance that Servants, who ride (climachent) or go on business of their lords or masters, be comprised in this ordinance for the time of the same business. And if he carry such letter as may be found to be forged or false he shall have imprisonment for 40 days for the falsity (faucine), and beyond, till he have found surety to return and serve and labour as is before said. And that no one receive Servant or Labourer, going outside his hundred, rope, wapentake, city, or borough, without letter testimonial, nor with letter beyond one night (neot), unless it be by reason of sickness or other reasonable cause, or that he wishes and is able to serve and labour there (illeoques) by the same testimonial, under pain to be limited by Justice of the Peace. And if either artificers and persons of trade (gents de mester) as also servants and apprentices, who are not of great value (de graunt avoir), and of whose craft and trade there is no great need in time of August, they shall be employed (artes) to serve in August to cut, gather, and bring in the corn. And that this statute be duly executed by mayors, bailiffs, stewards, and constables of towns, on pain to be limited and adjudged by the said Justices of the Peace in their sessions. And that no one take more than one penny for making sealing and delivering the said letter. And further, by reason that the Servants and Labourers will not, and for a long time have not been willing to serve and labour without outrageous and excessive hire, and much more than what

Prisona xl dies pro falsa litera portanda

gentes de artificio ad labor' autumpn'

pro factura littere 1d.

has been given to such servants and labourers in any time past, so that for dearness of the said labourers and servants the husbandmen and tenants of lands cannot pay their rents, and are scarcely able to live on their lands, to the great injury and loss not only of the lords, but of the whole community, and also by reason that the wages of the said labourers and servants have not been definitely fixed (mys en certeyn) before this time, it is allowed and agreed that a Bailiff for husbandry take 13s. 4d. a year at most and his clothing (sa vesture) once per year at most; a master shepherd (mestre hyne) 10s.; carter, 10s.; shepherd, 6s. 8d.; cowherd, 6s. 8d.; swineherd, 6s.; woman labourer, 6s.; a "deye,"‡ 6s.; a driver of the plough (chacer de charue) 7s. at most; and every other labourer and servant according to his degree; and less in countries where it has been usual to give less, without clothing, perquisite (curtesie), or other reward by agreement. And that no servant of artificers nor of victuallers in cities, boroughs, or other towns shall take more than the Labourers and Servants above named, according to their estate, without clothing, perquisite or other reward by agreement, as above stated. And if anyone give or take by agreement more than is specified in amount, that the first time that they are attainted they shall pay—the givers as well as the takers—the value of the excess given or taken; and the second time of their attainder, double the value of such excess; and, on the third time, the treble value of such excess; and if the taker so attainted has nothing wherewith to pay the said excess, let him go to prison for 40 days.—[*End of Folio* 150, *marked* lxxviij.]

de novo stipend' labor'

servientes in civitate aut Burg.'

de excess' solvend' pena.

‡ "Deye." A dairy-servant.

[*Dorse of Folio* 150 (lxxviij.)]

de non essend apprentic'

—Also it is ordained and agreed that any person who has been accustomed to labour at the plough and cart, or other labourer or servant of husbandry, up to the age of 12 years, thereafter he shall stayat such labour, without being placed to trade (meister) or handicraft (artificer), and if any agreement be made henceforth to the contrary, such agreement shall be null.

Also it is allowed and agreed that no servant of husbandry, or labourer, or servant of artificer or victualler, shall carry henceforward basselard, dagger, or sword, under pain of forfeiture of the same, except in time of war for defence of the realm, and persons for the surveying of arrears, for the time being, or for persons travelling through the country with their masters, or doing the behests of their masters. But let such servants and labourers have bows and arrows, and use them on Sundays and feast-days, and let them entirely leave playing games with balls (jues as pelotes), both with the hand and with the foot, and the other games called quoits (quoits), dice (aices), casting of the stone (gettre de pere), nine-pins (keyles), and other such importune games; and that the sheriffs, mayors, bailiffs, and constables have power to arrest, and do arrest, all the said contreveners, and seize and keep the basselards, daggers, and swords aforesaid, until the session of*—Justices of the Peace, and present them before the said Justices in their Sesions, together with the names of those who carry them.

de basselard' deponend'

de arcubus et sagitt' usitand.

And it is not the intention of the King that prejudice be done to the liberties of lords touching the forfeitures due to them.

Also it is allowed and agreed in

* A blank space in MS.

reference to any person who is a beggar and is able to serve or labour

de vamondment et ost pasaunt de laborer

that it be done to him as with him who departs from the hundred, and other places aforesaid without letter testimonial, as aforesaid, excepting men of religion, and approved hermits, having letters testimonial of their Ordinaries. And that beggars unable to serve

de mendicantibus impotentibus

shall remain in the cities and towns where they are inhabitants at the time of the proclamation of this Statute; and if the people of the said cities or towns will not or cannot suffice to find them, that the said beggars shall betake them to other towns in the hundred, rope, or wapentake, or to the towns where they were born, within 40 days after the said proclamation made, and there abide continually for their lives. And that it be done to all those

de peregrinando

who go on pilgrimages as beggars, and are able to work, as to the said servants and labourers, when they have not letters testimonial of their pilgrimage under the seals aforesaid; and that clerks of the universities who go as beggars have letters testimonial from their Chancellor under the like penalty.

And it is ordained and agreed that those who pretend themselves to

De hominibus laborant' extra mare.

be men travelled without the realm, and there to be imprisoned (et illoques estre emprisones), shall carry letters testimonial from the captains where they have dwelt, or from the mayors or bailiffs where they made their arrival; and also that the mayors and bailiffs enquire of such people where they have dwelt, and with whom, and in what place their dwelling is in England; and that the same mayors and bailiffs make them letters patent, under the seal of their office, testifying the day of their arrival, and where they have been, according to what they have said; and that the said mayors and bailiffs make them swear that they will make direct journey towards their country, unless they have letters patent under the Great Seal of the King to do otherwise. And if any such travelling man be found without such letter, let it be done to him as with the Servants and Labourers aforesaid; and this ordinance shall be understood as applying to those travelling men who go as beggars through the country after their arrival.

Also it is ordained and agreed that the ordinances aforesaid, of Servants and Labourers, beggars and vagrants, shall hold good and be executed, not only in cities and boroughs, but in other towns and places in the realm, as well within franchise as without, and that the Sheriffs, mayors and bailiffs, and keepers of gaols, be held and

De res . . . . in prisona sine man . . . vel aliqu . . .

charged to receive the said Servants, Labourers, beggars and vagrants, and to detain them in prison in the form aforesaid without leave to mainprise or bail and without taking fee or anything else for them, by themselves or by others, whilst in prison, or when they

Pena 100s.

enter or leave the same prison, under pain of payment of 100s. to the King.

Also it is ordained and agreed that in each commission of the Justices of the peace be assigned but six

vi Justic'

Justices of Assizes, and that the said six Justices hold their sessions in each quarter of the year at least and that for three days

quatre par an

if need be, under pain of being punished according to the discretion of the King's Council, at suit of any person who chooses to complain; and that they enquire diligently, amongst other things touching their

De Justic' et de Ball

offices, whether the said mayors, bailiffs, stewards, and constables, and also

gaolers, have duly made execution of the said ordinances and statutes of Servants and Labourers, beggars and vagrants, and punished those who are punishable by the said penalty of 100s., by the same penalty; and those who are found in default who are not punishable by the said penalty, they shall punish at their discretion. — [*End of Folio* 151. *Continuation on Dorse*]—And each of the said Justices shall take for his wages 4s. a day from the time of the said Sessions, and their clerks 2s. a day, from the fines and amerciaments arising and issuing from the same sessions, by the hands of the Sheriffs, and that the lords of franchises be contributories to the said wages, according to their share in the said fines and amerciaments. And that no steward of a lord be assigned in any of the said commissions; and that no association be made to the Justices of the Peace after their first commission. And it is not the intention of this statute that the Justices of the one Bench or of the other, nor the Sergeants-at-Law, although they be named in the said commissions, shall be bound by force of this Statute to hold the said sessions four times a year, as are the other commissioners who are continually dwelling in the country, but that they hold them when they can well manage to attend thereat. Also that whereas it is contained not only on the first statute of Westminster but also in the Statute made at Gloucester, in the second of our lord the King, that no one be so bold as to spread, speak, or relate any false news, untruth, or other such false thing of the prelates, dukes, earls, barons, and others of the nobility and great persons of the realm, and also of the chancellor, treasurer, clerks of Privy Seal, steward of the King's Household, Justices of either Bench, and the other great officers of realm, and that those who do it be taken and imprisoned until he is found who originally spread the report, it is in this parliament allowed and agreed that when any such person be taken and imprisoned, and cannot find him by whom the report was spread, as aforesaid, then that he be punished by the advice of the Council, the statutes aforesaid notwithstanding.

Pena(?)

Stipend' Justic et clericorum

senescallis dominorum non essend in commissione

de Justic' de utroque Banco

De falsis novellis movend

Also in right of levying the expenses of the Knights coming to Parliaments for the commons of the counties it is allowed and agreed that the said levy be made as has been done done by custom before this time, with this addition, that if any lord or other man, spiritual or temporal, has purchased any of the lands or tenements or other possessions which were wont to be contributors to such expenses before the time of the said purchases, that the same lands, holdings and possessions, and the tenants of the same be contributors to the said expenses, as the said lands, holdings, and possessions, and the tenants of the same used to do before the time of the said purchases.

. . . . . pens militum pro parliamento

Also because so much filth (fimes) and other ordures (ordures) from the garbage and entrails of beasts slaughtered, and also from other corruptions, are thrown and placed in ditches, rivers, and other waters, and also many other places within, around, and near various cities, boroughs, and towns of the realm, and in the suburbs of the same, so that the air there is greatly corrupted and fouled, and many maladies and other intolerable diseases grow from one day to the other, not only to the inhabitants, but to persons coming to the said cities, boroughs, towns, and suburbs, as also to others repairing there and passing, to the very geat nuisance, damage, and danger of the inhabitants, visitors, frequenters, and passers-by aforesaid, it is

Proclamacio de . . . . . et alis de . . . . . end

allowed and agreed that proclamation be made, not only in the city of London, but in other cities, boroughs, towns throughout the realm, where it is needful, both within the franchises and in the outlying parts, that all those who have thrown or placed such nuisances ,ordures, refuse, entrails, and other filth in ditches, rivers, waters, and other places aforesaid cause them to be utterly removed, carried off, and taken away between now and Michaelmas next—[*End of Dorse of Folio* 151. *Continuation on Folio* 152 (lxxx)]—after the end of this Parliament, under penalty in each case of paying £20 to the King, and that the Mayors and bailiffs of such city borough, and town, and also the bailiffs of franchises, compel this to be done under the like penalty. And if anyone hold himself aggrieved that this has not been done in manner aforesaid, and wishes to complain thereof to the Chancellor, after the said Michaelmas day, let him have writ to cause the person of whom he wishes to complain, to be summoned to the Chancery, to show there why the said penalty should not be levied upon him, and if he cannot duly excuse himself thereon, let the same penalty be levied on him. And further let proclamation be made, both in the said city of London and in the other cities, boroughs, and towns as aforesaid, that no one, of whatever condition he be, shall cause to be placed or thrown hereafter such nuisances, refuse, ordures, entrails, and filth into the ditches, rivers, waters, and other places aforesaid ; and if this be not done by anyone, let him be summoned by writ before the Chancellor at suit of him who wishes to complain, and if he be found blameable let him be punished according to the discretion of the Chancellor.

pena xx^{li}

Breve de veniend coram cancell

De proclam.'

De punic'

Also it is allowed and agreed that the cloths of Ray to be made and worked at Bristol (Bristuyt), and the neighbouring counties be the same as at other time ordained by statute made at Westminster in the 47th Edward III., that is to say the cloths of Ray 28 ells in length,and eight ells measured by the list [the outer edge] and 5 quarters in width ; and the cloth of colour 26 ells in length, measured by the back, and six quarters in width at least ; and that half-cloth, be it of Ray or of colour hold in length after the rate (solount la feraunt) and in width like the cloths of Ray and of colour, under the pain contained in the same statute.

Also that no liege of the King, of whatsoever estate or condition he be, greater or less, cross the sea or go without the realm of England, by licence or without licence, without the special leave of the King, to provide or purchase for himself any benefice of holy church, with cure or without cure, in the said realm ; and if anyone do it, and, by virtue of such provision, accept by him or by other, any benefice in the same realm, that thereupon the same provider be outside the protection of the King, and the same benefice void, so that it shall be lawful to the patron of the same benefice, as well spiritual as temporal, to present to the same an able clerk at his pleasure.

De beneficio perquirendo

Further it is ordained and agreed that the staple be removed from Middleburgh to Calais, so that it shall be at Calais by the 1st December next.—[*End of Folio* 152.]

De stapula

STATUTES OF 1393. †

[*Dorse of Folio* 152.]

[*Norman French.*]

These are the things ordained and established by our lord the King [Richard II.] in his

parliament at Westminister on the 15th day of St. Hilary, in the 17th year of his reign, by assent of the said parliament, which he wills and commands shall be firmly held and kept, according to the purport of the same.

Firstly that as was ordained by the noble King Edward, grandfather of our lord the King, in the 10th year of his reign, no sterling [silver penny], maille [silver halfpenny], nor farthing, be molten for vessel, nor for making thereof any other thing, by goldsmith or other person, under pain of forfeiting the money molten and imprisonment of the melter until he have delivered to the King the half of that which he have thus molten, any charter or franchise granted or accustomed notwithstanding. It is allowed and agreed that the said ordinance be firmly held and kept. And further it is ordained and agreed that no groat nor half-groat be molten by anyone for vessel, nor for making any other thing thereof, under the same pain; and that no money of gold or of silver of Scotland, nor of other countries beyond the sea have currency in any manner of payment within the realm of England, but that it be carried to the bullion, to be there turned into the coin of England, under pain of forfeiture of the same, and imprisonment and fine and ransom of him who does the contrary.

Estarlyng ne . . . foundu pour vessel

Al mone descoce

And that no one carry or send any money of England into Scotland to change it into money or for money of Scotland, under pain aforesaid.

Esmesner en escoce pour changer

Also that every man of the Realm may make, and put for sale, and sell, cloth, as well kerseys (de karseis) as other, of such length and width as shall please him, paying the alnage, subsidies, and other duties, that is to say for each piece of cloth according to the rate, any statute, ordinance, proclamation, restraint, or prohibition (defense) made to the contrary notwithstanding. And that no one sell or put for sale any cloths before they have been measured (aunez) by the alnager of the King, and sealed with the seal thereto ordained, under pains contained in the statutes thereon made. And that no one place nor mix coarse (?) (melle cauce*) nor make other fraud in the cloths of kersey, under pain of forfeiture of the same.

Vendre drap e de kerseye

avaunt quils soient aunes.

Also that the merchants and workers of cloths called "sengle Worstede" may bring bolts of "sengle worstede" to what parts they shall please, except to the enemies of the King, paying the customs and subsidies thereon due, without paying the duties of Calais, any statute, ordinance, proclamation, inhibition, letters, commandments, or charters, liberties, customs, or privileges granted, or to be granted to the Burgesses of Calais, or to other merchants of the staple of Calais, or to any others, made or to be made to the contrary, notwithstanding.

draps de Worstedes

And that the obligations and sureties taken before these times for the duties of Calais be restored and delivered. Provided always that under colour of the said bolts of "sengle worstede" they shall not bring any double Worsteds, nor half-doubles, nor Worsted rays, nor motleys, under pain of forfeiture of the same.

Also that the malt (les brees) which shall be made in the counties of Huntingdon, Cambridge, Hertford, Northampton, and Bedford, which shall be brought to the city of London to victual the household of the King, and the households of other lords and gentles there dwelling and repairing, and also for sustenance of all the people of the said city, shall be well and suitably sifted (nettez),

brees nettes

* "Melle cauce." The meaning is unknown. Possibly the translation should be: "And that no one put, nor mix, cause, nor make other fraud," etc.

cleaned (mundez), and purified, before the sale of the same, of dust and all other filth (ordure), so that the buyers may have eight (oept) bushels of pure malt for the quarter.

. . . . . Baillifs

And that the mayors, Bailiffs, and wardens of the towns and places where such malt shall be sold have power, at every man's suit who wishes to complain, to view and search the said malt, and if fault be found to make due redress thereon. Also it is ordained and established that no searcher, gauger of wines, alnager, finder or weigher of wools or any other merchandise, collector of customs and subsidies whatsoever, or controller, shall have estate in his office for the term of his life, or for years, but that the said offices shall remain in the King's hands, under governance of the Treasurer for the time being, with the assent of the council, when need is. And if any charters or letters patent be made to the contrary, they shall be entirely void and of none effect.

Serchour, gaugour, ...

Also that when persons are caused to come before the council of the King in the Chancery, by writs founded upon suggestions not true, the Chancellor for the time being, forthwith after such suggestions are duly found and proved not truthful, shall have power to ordain and award damages according to his discretion to him who is so troubled (travaillez) unduly as aforesaid.

. . . devaunt . . . . . .

Also the King, at the request of the commons made to him in this present parliament, has granted licence to all his lieges of his realm of England to ship and carry away corn (bleez) out of his said realm, to such parts as shall please them, except to [his] enemies, paying the subsidies and duties thereon due, any ordinance, proclamation, or prohibition made before these times, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

[Marginal note illegible]

Nevertheless he wills that his Council have power to restrain the said passage when it seems to them needful for the profit of the realm.—[*End of Dorse of Folio* 152].

[*Folio* 153 (lxxxj).]—Also whereas at the parliament held at Westminster in the fifth * (quint) year of the reign of our lord the King who now is, forasmuch as villains and other evil-doers rose of late by assemblies and outrageous numbers in divers parts of the realm, against the dignity of our lord the King and his crown and the laws of his land, it was straitly prohibited by our lord the King to all manner of persons, that no one thenceforth should make nor recommence such riot or rumour, or others like thereto, and if any man should do so and this be duly proved, that it should be done with him as with a traitor against the King and his realm. Nevertheless grievous complaint has been made to our lord the King, in this present parliament, that other persons, not having consideration to the said prohibition, as well in the counties of Chester, Lancashire, and elsewhere in England, have made such assemblies in outrageous numbers, to accomplish their malice against the peace of our lord the King, his crown and dignity, and the laws of his land. Wherefore our lord the King in this present parliament has prohibited all his lieges, as well lords as others, of what ever estate they be, that no one shall make such assemblies, riot, or rumour, against the peace in any manner. And if any such assembly be commenced, as soon as Sheriffs and other ministers of the King can have cognisance thereof, with the force of the county and the country in such case they shall oppose such malice with all their power, and take such evil-doers and put them in prison until due execution of the law be done upon

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* Translated "tenth" in the Statutes at Large.

en prison et de aider as viscountes.

them. And that all lords and other lieges of the realm be attending and aiding with all their force and power to the Sheriffs and ministers aforesaid in such cases.

des salmunes

Also, whereas it is contained in the statute of Westminster, the second, that young salmon be not taken nor destroyed by nets nor by other engines at the stanks (lestankes) of mills, from mid-April until the nativity of St. John Baptist, under certain pain limited in the same statute ; and whereas by statute of the 13th year of our lord the King that now is, it was ordained that the said statute of Westminster, the second, should be firmly held and kept, with the addition that young salmon should not be taken at the stanks of mills nor elsewhere under the same pain, and that no fisher or "gartheman," nor any other of whatsoever estate or condition, put from henceforth into the water of the Thames, Humber, Ouse, Trent, nor any other water of the realm, for the said time, nor for any other time in the year, any nets called "stalkeres," nor other nets or engines whatsoever, whereby the fry or brood of salmon, lampreys, or other fish whatsoever might be in any manner taken or destroyed, under the pain aforesaid. And also, it was rehearsed in the said statute made in the 13th year aforesaid, that as contained in the same statute of Westminster, that all the waters in which salmon are taken in the realm be placed in prohibition as to the taking of salmon, from the day of the Nativity of our Lady to St. Martin's day, it was ordained and agreed in the same statute, made in the 13th year, that the waters of Lone (Lonee), Wyre, Mersey (Merse), Ribbill, and all other waters in the county of Lancaster, should be put in prohibition, as to the taking of salmon, from the day of St. Michael until the day of the Purification of Our Lady, and no other time in the year, by reason that salmon are not seasonable in the said waters during the time aforesaid, and that in the parts where such rivers are there shall be assigned and sworn good and sufficient conservators of the said statute made in the 13th year, as was ordained in the said statute of Westminster ; and that they should punish the trespassers under the pain contained in the same statute of Westminster without any favour ; which statutes have not been duly executed hitherto through default of good conservators, according to that which our lord the King has understood by complaint made to him in this present parliament. Wherefore, it is allowed and agreed that the Justices of the Peace in all the counties of England be conservators of the said statutes in the counties where they are Justices, and that they and each of them, at all times when they can hear [of such matters], shall survey the misprisions and default defaults attempted against the statutes aforesaid; and also survey and acquaint themselves with all the weirs in such rivers, that they be not too narrow, to the destruction of such fry and brood, but of reasonable opening (overtour), according to ancient assize. And that the same Justices, or such of them who shall find fault or misprision against the aforesaid statutes, shall make due punishment of trespassers, according to the contents of the same statutes, and that the same Justices place good and sufficient conservators of the same statutes beneath them, who shall be sworn to make like survey, search and punishment, without any favour thereon ; and that further, the Justices shall enquire in their sessions, as well of their office as to the information of the conservators aforesaid, of all trespasses and misprisions and defaults done against any of the points aforesaid, and shall cause to come before them those who shall be indicted, and if they be convicted they shall have imprisonment and make fine, according to the discretion of the same Justices [*End of Folio* 153 (lxxxj.) *Continuation on Dorse.*] And if this shall be at the information of any of the sub-Conservators

aforesaid the same sub-Conservator shall have half of the same fine.

Grauntes as citezins de Londres de remuer

And because it is granted to the citizens of London by the progenitors of our lord the King that they be empowered to remove and take all the kiddels in the waters of the Thames and Medway, and that they may have the punishments thereon belonging to the King, our lord the King has in this present parliament, of the assent aforesaid, has granted that the Mayor or Warden (gardeyn) of London for the time being, shall have the conservancy of the statutes aforesaid, and do due execution thereof and like punishment as is before ordained of the Justices of the Peace, in the said water of the Thames from the bridge of Staines to London, and thence beyond in the same water, and in the said water of the Medway, as far as is granted to the said citizens, as is aforesaid.

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Also because thieves of notorious ill fame and other felons, taken with the manner by their long stay in prison, after that they are arrested, are delivered by charters and favourable inquests procured, to the great hindrance of the people, it is allowed and agreed that in each commission of the peace throughout the realm, where need shall be, there shall be assigned two men of law of the same county where such commission is made, to go and proceed to the delivery of such thieves and felons so much and so often as seems good to them.—[*End of Dorse of Folio* 153.]

Deux hommes de la ley

ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT OF THE RIGHTS OF COLCHESTER BY THE CITY OF LONDON.†

[*Folio* 154 (lxxxij), *blank. Dorse of same. Latin. Summarised.*]—Copy of a writ for the liberty of Colchester to the Coroner of the City of London, against the Sheriff of London. The writ in the name of Richard [II.] sets forth that in respect of the claim by John Pake, burgess of Colchester, the Coroner of London is to ensure the attendance of Thos. Wilforde and Wm. Parker, to attend in the King's Court in the octave of Trinity, to answer for neglect of previous writs wherein the immunity of the burgesses of Colchester from tolls, according to their charters, was asserted, and wherein the Sheriffs had been called upon to justify the action of the City of London in taking such tolls, or to pay damages according to the charters.

THE ENDOWMENT OF THE CHANTRY IN ST. HELEN'S CHAPEL.†

[*Folio* 155 (lxxxiij.) *Latin.*]—Copy of a deed of lands and rents belonging to the free chapel of St. Helen, in Maydynburgh, in St. Nicholas' parish, Colchester :—

Know ye all to whom these present letters shall come that I, John of Colchester, rector of the church of Tendringg, considering with the eye of piety the fact that a certain chapel in honour of Jesus Christ and St. Helena in Colchester, in the place which is called Maydinburgh, was long ago built (a diu est constructa) and dedicated to divine worship, and because it has been and is unendowed for the support of a priest to minister divine service there, it may in process of time come to profane uses, not without scandal (vetuperio) of Christ and Holy Church, have given, assigned, and by this present deed confirmed, for the welfare of my soul and of the souls of my ancestors, and relations, and heirs, to Sir John Bracy (Domino Johanni Bracy), chaplain, a certain plot of land in which the well-remembered chapel (capella memorata) is situated, containing 8 perches in length, and 8 perches in width; and twenty-eight acres of land, whereof twelve lie in the field called Eydenlonde, six are called Ailwynemere, six

are at Otynesslade, between the land now Ralph Ode's, on the east, and three long acres which I hold of St. John's Abbey on the west; also 1½ acres and one rood likewise at Otynesslade, by the land of Warin Fitz William; and 2 acres and one rood of land by Smalelane, which are called Seintmarielonde, with their appurtenances, in the suburb of Colchester; and 40s. per annum rent issuing from the tenements below mentioned; namely, from the tenement which Matthew le Verer holds of me in fee farm, in St. Runwald's parish, 12s.; from a shop under the upper room (sub solio) of Warin at Well (de Fonte) in the said parish 4s.; from the tenement of Saher de Donilonde in the said parish 4s.; from the holders of three acres of land, which Roger Wigge holds of me, in the field which is called Ealdapeltoun 3s.; from the tenements which Michael Napetef holds in the moor by Ordelput 12d.; from a moor under the messuage sometime Robt. Gest's, sometime Thomas le Hunte's, and now the Lord Michael's* 18d.; from a messuage of Ralph Textor, in Estokwelle stret (East Stockwell Street) which Ralph le Knyght now holds 18d.; from the tenements sometime John Martin's, which Christina de Pebmerssh, his widow, now inhabits, 12d.; from two contiguous shops, with their appurtenances, in the street of Estret (East Street) by the tenement of William de Bedford, chaplain, which the shops which the aforesaid Jakke the Tanner now holds (quas nunc tenet prius dictus Jakke tannator), 2s.; from the messuage sometime Nicholas Bateman's without the Head Gate (extra portam de la hevedgate), 12d.; from the messuage some time William Cook's (Willielmi Coci), in Bereslan, which John the Priest, son of the same [William] now holds, 10d.; from the tenement of German the Weaver (Germani textoris) in the street Wirstret, 3s. 6d.; from the tenements sometime Godfrey the Glover's, in the same street, 2s.; from the tenement sometime John of Esthorp's, the tanner, in the same street, 18d.; from the tenement of John Leicester, without North Scherd (extra Northscherd), 12d.; from a plot of ground with its appurtenances without East Gate in the street of Estret [East Street] which was sometime Dulcia de la Brok's, and subsequently John de Burstalle's, 2d.; to have and to hold to the said John the chaplain and his successors as chaplains, who shall celebrate worship (divina celebraturis) in perpetuity for me and the said souls, doing thereon [i.e. upon the properties mentioned] the due and accustomed service in fee to the capital lords. And I the aforesaid John nevertheless specially reserve, whilst I live, the aforesaid assignment of the chantry to any chaplain, under request made, in case the aforesaid John the Chaplain should resign or decease, or in other manner be lawfully removed [during my lifetime]. So nevertheless that the person admitted shall be presented, as law requires, under request in this manner, to the Lord Bishop of London, or his vicar when the see is filled, and when it is vacant to the Warden of the Spiritualty of the said bishopric. But after my death I will and by these presents I grant that the Bailiffs and commonalty of the liberty of Colchester, and in default of Bailiffs the same commonalty of itself, shall have the nomination or presentation, as though patrons of the said chantry—[such presentation] to be made to the aforesaid Bishop or his Vicar or the Warden in form premised—of a fitting chaplain, not having other benefice, to the chantry ordained in the aforesaid chantry (? chapel) as often and when it happens that the same chantry shall be in any manner vacant. Provided that if the said Bailiffs and commonalty, or the said commonalty of itself, if there shall be no Bailiffs, shall perchance delay, within the space of eight days from the time of such vacancy of the same chantry, to nominate or present a fitting

* Written "dominus Michael," but probably meant for "dictus Michael"—the said Michael.

chaplain as premised, then it shall be lawful to the said Bishop or his Vicar or Warden of the Spirituality to provide to the aforesaid chantry, under the form before stated concerning a fitting chaplain in that behalf. In respect of which kind of provision or admission of a chaplain when need shall be to present, as is aforesaid, if the same Bishop, Vicar or Warden of the Spirituality, the see being vacant, for the time being, within the space of one month from the time of the notification of the vacancy of the aforesaid chantry shall have proved to be difficult, negligent, or remiss, then it shall be lawful to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, London, or to the Chapter only if the deanery be vacant, or if the same Dean be without the Kingdom, to confer, in default of the same Bishop, etc., the same chantry upon a suitable chaplain, or as the affair may require, to admit one who has been presented to the same. And I the aforesaid John of Colchester and my heir will warrant, acquit and defend against all men, in perpetuity the aforesaid land and rents to the aforesaid John the Chaplain and his successors, who shall there as premised celebrate. And I will that the aforesaid Sir John the Chaplain and other chaplains succeeding him shall celebrate in the aforementioned chantry, on each Saturday, the mass, "De gloriosa virgine Maria," but on the other days the full office of the dead, excepting the days of St. Helen, the Invention and Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and Sundays, and the greater feasts of the year. because they are celebrated under double office, concerning which he may be able to celebrate, with a contribution nevertheless, for me and for the souls aforesaid. And that by reason of the chantry the parochial rights of the church of St. Nicholas, within which parish the chapel stands, may not suffer, I will that the aforesaid John and each succeeding chaplain, shall within eight days of admission and induction at Colchester take an oath before the official of the Archdeaconry of Colchester, or his locum tenens, that he will not knowingly and willingly do anything whereby the same church may be injured in its due and accustomed rights, and further also that he will keep and maintain the books and ornaments belonging, or to belong to the same chantry, and faithfully account for the same, and will duly preserve all and everything necessary for the preservation of the said chantry and chapel. And that this my gift, grant and assignment and ordinance of the chantry aforesaid may obtain binding force (robur firmitatis), my seal together with that of the venerable man, Master William of Melleford (Melford), then Archdeacon of Colchester, is affixed to this present writing, of which one part—one copy of the same being first inserted in the books supplied for the chapel—shall remain always in the Treasury of St. Paul's, as being a common instrument of the Bishop, Dean, and Chapter aforesaid ; [*End of Dorse of Folio* 155. *Continuation on Folio* 156, *marked* lxxxiiij.] another in possession of the commonalty of Colchester, to be delivered and restored as often as they need be for the maintenance or defence of the priest aforesaid and his successors ; and a third in the Treasury of the conventual church of St. Botolph, Colchester ; so that by multiplication of the said writing and by deposit in various places it may be more readily available in future when need may be for producing it.

Witnesses : William Tote and Peter le Salterer, then Bailiffs of Colchester ; Elias fil. John, Warin fil. William, Saher de Donilonde, Joseph Elianore, Warin at Well (deffonte), Richard Noreis, Adam de Castello, John de Waletoun, John Belamy, Alan de Neyland, and others.

Given at London, 17th January, anno domini 1321-2, 15 Edward II.

PRESENTATION OF GEOFFREY CUTTYNG TO BE CHAPLAIN OF ST. HELEN'S CHANTRY. 1406†.

[*Latin.*]—Letter ofPresentation ofJohnForde and John Diere, merchant, Bailiffs of Colchester and of the commonalty of the same town after the death of Sir Wm. Bisshop, chaplain of the chantry aforesaid, made to Roger, Bishop of London, on behalf of Geoffrey Cuttyng, elected as new chaplain of the chantry aforesaid.

To the reverend Father in Christ and Lord Roger, by the grace of God Bishop of London, the humble and devoted men John Forde and John Diere, merchant, Bailiffs of Colchester, and the commonalty of the same town, all the reverences due to so great a Father with honour. By the tenour of these presents we present to your reverend fatherhood (paternitati) to the perpetual chantry in the chapel of St. Helen in the place called Maydinburgh Colchester, situate in your Diocese, founded by John of Colchester of good memory, rector of Tendringe, vacant by the death of Sir. Wm. Bisshop, the last priest of the same, and belonging of full right to our presentation, our beloved in Christ, Sir Geoffrey Cuttyng, priest, whom we repute suitable and worthy for holding the said chantry, humbly and with devotion (devote) beseeching your reverend fatherhood aforesaid to admit the aforesaid Sir Geoffrey to the said chantry, and to institute him as perpetual priest in the same, and with favour deign to perform the other things which belong to your pastoral office.

In witness whereof we have ordered our Common Seal to be placed to these presents. Dated at Colchester in our Common Hall, January 7, 1405 (1406).

Another letter of the Bailiffs and commonalty directed to Master William of Storteford, Warden of the Spirituality, the See being vacant by the death of the aforesaid Roger, Bishop of London, made for Geoffrey Cuttyng aforesaid in the year aforesaid.—[*End of Folio* 156. *Continuation on Dorse.*]—The presentation follows in the same form as to the Bishop and is dated at Colchester, Jannary 9, 1405 (1406).

SIXPENCE A YEAR FOR THE REPAIR OF EAST BRIDGE.†

Copy of a Deed of Rent of 6d. from 3 shops, with a certain parcel of curtilage of their appurtenances in Estret (East Street), Colchester, beyond East Bridge, which Wm. atte Slo, of Ardelie, gave to Matilda, his sister, her heirs and assigns, now [in the possession] of Wm. Bosse, son of Henry Bosse, at an annual rent to the Bailiffs of Colchester and commonalty of 6d. for the repair of East Bridge aforesaid, payable at the Feasts mentioned in the Deed aforesaid.

The Deed, set forth in full, in *Latin*, states that Wm. atte Slo, of Ardelegh, has for a certain sum of money granted to his sister Matilda 3 shops, etc., lately acquired by him from Henry, son of Thos. Curteys, of Colchester, formerly belonging to Wm. Sarterie, of Colchester, situated in the suburb of Colchester in Estrete, beyond East Bridge, viz., between the messuages of Edmund le Chaloner on the West, and the messuage of Wm. Tille, formerly the property of Robt. De Walhawe, on the East, and extending from Edmund Chaloner's garden to the North to the highway on the South. The annual rent of 6d. is to be paid at Easter and Michaelmas in equal portions, and is to be for the improvement (emendacionem) of East Bridge.

Witnesses :—Warin FitzWilliam, Ralph Ode, Bailiffs of Colchester, Joseph Elianore, John de Ratlisden, Richd. Noreis, John Roger, Henry Algood, Robert le Tailor, and others. Dated at Colchester, Monday in the Feast of St. James the Apostle, 8 Edward III. (1334-5). —[*End of Dorse of Folio* 156. *Folio* 157, *marke* lxxxv., *blank*. *Dorse of same blank.*]

[*Folio* 158, *marked* lxxxvi.]

RENTAL OF COLCHESTER, 1387-8, AND IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS.†§

[*Latin.*]

Rental of the town of Colchester from the time of Thos. Fraunceys and John Saburg, Bailiffs of the town 11 *Ric. II.* [1387-8.]

RENTAL OF THE NORTH WARD.

A tenement Dales, sometime Robt. Arwsmyth's in the market place, now his son's John Arwsmyth's, 6d.

Tenement of the Abbot of St. Osyth, some time Robt. atte Park's (Roberti de parco), 12d.

Mile End Hall (aula de Milande) near the church, 12d.

House formerly Alice Sparwe's [Sparrow's] beyond Philip Prekot's by the Common Hall, now Ralph Algar's in right of his wife, [afterwards Edmund Havyrland's, now of the chantry belonging to the Guild of St. Helen*], 2s.

From a large upper room (soleo) formerly the said Philip's, now the said Ralph Algar's in right of his wife aforesaid [afterwards Edmund Haverland's now belonging to the chantry of the Guild of St. Helen*], 13s. 4d.

Shop and soller (solarium) sometime Robt. Beche's on the E. side of the Hall without the entrance there, now John Beche's, son of the said Robert [now Rich. Reede's], 6s. 8d.

Shop and house of Wm. Prentys, sometime John Betoun's, afterwards John Lynew's, now Stephen Lalleford's [now Thos. Smyth's*.]

From Clement le Diere for his paling of the tenement where he lives in Northstrat, afterwards Thos. Deynes's, in right of his wife, now John Budde's [now Robt. Barkere's*] 2d.

For the paling (palicio) formerly William Redyng's afterwards the said Thos. Deynes's, now the said John Budde's [now Robert Barkere] 2d.

§ These rents appear to refer to encroachments or ground rent payable for building on or over the roadways, or on town property. The rental is in Latin.

* In a later handwriting.

From John Boyn for a certain plot of land by his house beyond the messuage of John Brome [now Martin Fordham's*] 1d.

[*End of Folio* 158 (lxxxvj.)].

[*Dorse of Folio* 158].

From Roger Horkesleye, for a certain plot which he took beyond North Bridge, 4d.

A certain plot of Wm. atte Watre's, sometime John atte Forde's beyond Ordelpet, afterwards held by John Beltesford, chaplain, and John Copford, chaplain, afterwards George Fordham's, now held by John Dyere, merchant, 6d.

William Porter for his paling of his tenment beyond North Bridge, sometime Wm. Pentecost's, now Simon Slade's [now Robert Slade's*] 6d.

A tenement sometime Philip le Chapman's, afterwards his heirs.

For an encroachment of the corner of his house, 1d.

For the posts (stulpis) sometime of the orphanage (?) (orphanie) afterwards Thos. le Taillour's, afterwards Thos. le Taillour's, afterwards John Boyn's [afterwards John Resshe's] 2d.

Thos. Taillour aforesaid, for a certain plot where a gate used to stand (ubi porta stare stobale) formerly of Elias fil. John afterwards John Boyn's [afterwards John Pebemerssh's] 4d.

John Machoun for encroachment of paling sometime John Boloigne's, afterwards John Machaun's, afterwards Robt. Pope's in right of his wife [now Wm. Holbech's*] 1d.

Robert Davy for an encroachment which Simon Martyn made in Mile End, opposite the house of Wm. atte Noke's [now Richd. Barfoot's*] 1d.

Adam le Tanner for a plot of land where his upper room (solium) is built in Northstrat 2d.

Two rents of John Machoun in Westokwellestrat (West Stockwell Street) beyond the messuage of Ralph Pekham for the chapel of St. Helen, which is called the old chapel, which the said John charged for the Minor

Friars of Colchester (Radulphi Pekham pro capella sancte Elene que dicitur vetus capella quos dictus Johannes obligavit pro fratribus minoribus Colcestrie) 2s.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 158.]

[*Folio* 159, *marked* lxxxvij.]

Tenement of Margaret le Diere, for her paling in Northstret, sometime John Diere's, 2d.

For the new rents of the buildings built by Wm. Reyne, opposite the churchyard of St. Peter, on the South of the said Church, 2s.

The land sometime Peter Wylde's "in le Milande," afterwards Clement Diere's, 2d.

Plot of land of John Brome by the north bank, Colchester, 2d.

Land of Wm. Diere "in the Milande," sometime John Sherlok's, 2d.

Philip Kyrkeby for a certain plot of encroachment which Thos. Blanch took there, afterwards Clement le Diere's, 2d.

A moor, formerly Michael Napeleffs's in Fouleslane, afterwards occupied by Adam fil. Stephen, ½d.

Plot of Robt. atte Gate, opposite the tenement of John Diere at Northgate, 1d.

John Grocer for a plot where he has a paling in Westokwellestret, sometime John Scotlond's, afterwards occupied by John Prentys, fuller, 2d.

Adam fil. Stephen for a certain plot by North Bridge, sometime Wm. Hadham's, 6d.

Plot of land opposite the tenement formerly Wm. atte Watre's, afterwards John Beltesford's, chaplain, and John Copford's, chaplain, afterwards George Fordham's, now John Dyer's, 2d.

[*End of Folio* 159.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 159.]

John Caperoun, for a plot of land in augmentation of his house, 4d.

Thos. Deynes, for a plot of land for fixing three posts for carrying a certain vine opposite his tenement, sometime Clement Diere's, in Northstret, afterwards John Brid's, 2d.

John Hekeman, plot of land in augmentation of his tenement, afterwards his wife Joan's, 2d.

John Deynes, for a plot of vacant land by North Bridge at the north end of the bridge, afterwards John Botesford's, dyer, 2s.

John Deynes, another plot of land taken by him behind the said plot which he had taken, on the East side by the bank aforesaid, afterwards the said John Botesford's, 8d.

Tenement formerly John Clerkessone's, formerly John Raven's, by Northgate, afterwards Wm. atte Melle's, afterwards his wife Sarah's, 1d.

Plot formerly Robt. atte Gate's by the Town wall, 2d.

Robt. Atte gate for the Northgate (pro porta aquilonaria), and a certain plot of vacant land adjacent, afterwards his wife Margaret's, 6d.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 159].

[*Folio* 160 (lxxxviij.)]

Stall of John Daunyld, sometime Henry Osekyn's, afterwards Robt. Pekham's, 2s.

Stall of John Pache, 2s.

Ditto Robti Pekham, 2s.

Ditto Simon atte Cherche, in right of his wife, 2s.

Ditto John Boyn sometime Richard le Barbour's, 2s. 3d.

Ditto John Boyn, sometime John le Diere's, 2s. 3d.

Shop of John Boyn sometime Richard le Barbour's, afterwards Richard Wylygh's [now John Wylegh's*], 4s.

Shop of Robert Fraunceys, sometime Richard Sperlyng's, afterwards Richard Wylye's [now John Wylegh's *], 4s.

Shop of John Boyn, sometime Richard Copford's, afterwards Richard Wylygh's [now John Wylegh's *], 4s.

Shop of William atte Park, sometime John Saburgh's, afterwards John Boyn's, afterwards

* Added later in different ink.

Richard Wylye's [now John Wylegh's*], 4s.

Shop of John Boyn, sometime John Springold's, afterwards Richard Wylygh's [now John Wylegh's*], 4s.

Shop of the heirs of John Gernoun, afterwards William Talbot's, afterwards William Wytham's, in right of his wife [afterwards Richard Wylegh's, now John Wylegh's *], 4s.

John Diere for a plot in augmentation of his tenement, sometime John Gest's, 2d.

[*End of Folio* 160.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 160.]

Wm. Prentys, a plot in augmentation of his house, afterwards Seman Clerc's, 1d.

Wm. Diere, for his stall opposite the tenement of Adam atte Welle's, in the market, 2d.

Stall of Adam de Colne in front of the ancient pillory (ex opposito pillorie antique), 4d.

Stall, sometime Richd. Diere's there, afterwards Matthew le Diere's, his son, 4d.

Stall of John Throstelford, behind the shop of Wm. Talbot on the South [now John Mersey's, by novel disseisin in the time of Thos. Fraunceys and Stephen Flisp, bailiffs 2 Henry IV. (1400)*], 6s. 8d.

Butcher's stall, sometime John Machoun's in the market, now Stephen Baroun's, 4s.

Plot, sometime Austin Plomer's, near North Bridge, afterwards Wm. Webbe's, of Chelmersford, 6d.

John Diere, merchant, Richd. Diere, chaplain, and Matthew Diere, for a plot of vacant land opposite North Bridge called "le Elde Ree," between the meadow of John Brome and the land of George Fordham, 6d.

Adam Cook, of Bergholte Sakevill, a plot of land opposite the highway in Northstret, where he has built, opposite the Rectory of St. Runwald, in length 15⅓ rods, 2d.

Seman Clerc and Thos. Clerc, for a certain ditch, formerly belonging to the north bank, between the land lately taken by John Deynes on the South, near the tenement sometime Austin Plomer's, 4d.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 160.]

[*Folio* 161 (lxxxix.)].

John Taselere, a plot of vacant land in a certain lane leading from Northssherde as far as Northgate, by the stone wall there, opposite the highway, and the tenement sometime John Plomer's in Northstret, containing in length 16½ rods, 8d.

John Dauwe, for a plot of vacant land near the inner stone wall (prope murum lapideum interiorem) for building near the Northgate, as appears in the year of John Dyere and Wm. Mate, bailiffs [1397-8], Roll 33 extra, 2d.

The same John Dauwe for a plot newly built upon by him on the west of Northgate, sometime taken by deed by Robt. atte Gate, 4d.

Wm. Samptone for his new porch at the entrance of his tenement which he inhabits in Weststokwellestret, 2d.

Robt. Silby, for a plot of land by North Bridge near his tenement, 2d.

Total of North Ward, £4 9s. [3½d.]

[*End of Folio* 161.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 161.]

RENTAL OF SOUTH WARD.

Tenement, late of Sir Henry de Coggeshale, afterwards Alex. Wright's, afterwards John Pake's wife's, now William Lambherde's, weaver, 12d.

Tenement, sometime Richard le Diere's called le Bereshall, by Botulphesgate, afterwards John Clerc's in right of his wife [afterwards Thomas Godeston's ‡], 12d.

Tenement, late John Grocer's at the end of Wyrstret opposite le Eldelond, afterwards John Compost's [afterwards Richard Wylegh's ‡] [now John Tyder's*], 12d.

Quay of house at "le Heth," sometime John Belch's, afterwards Geoffrey Dawe's, whence

‡ Added subsequently in similar handwriting.

Stephen Flysp [received] 18d., Henry Bosse, 2s. 2d., John Best, 4d.—4s.

Plot of tenement, sometime Peter de Aston's, by the Quay, sometime Philip Pekok's [afterwards Bartholomew Seman's ‡], 12d.

Quay, sometime Philip Pecok's, by Peter de Aston's tenement, afterwards Robert Buk's [afterwards Barth Seman's ‡], 6d.

Tenement sometimes John Pegon's by le Bereshall, afterwards the tenement of St. Botolph's Priory, 2d.

Tenement sometime Wm. Heirere's de hethestrat (of Hythe Street), afterwards Simon atte Ree's, [afterward's Henry Cranemer's‡] [now Robert Dod's*] 3d.

Quay of Roger Belch at the Hythe, afterwards Wm. de Fermerie's, afterwards his wife Joan's, afterwards Seman Clerc's, 12d.

Plot sometime Wm. Fermerie's, in augmentation of his house at le Southssherde, afterwards Robert Holbrok's, afterwards John Mansfeld's, notary, 4d.

End of Dorse of Folio 161.

[*Folio* 162 (lxcx.).]

Encroachment of a certain tenement some time Matilda Alvereth's upon St. John's Green (super viride Sancti Johannis) afterwards Robt. Beche's, afterwards his son Andrew's [afterwards John Astelegh's ‡] [now John's*], 2d.

Encroachment made under the upper room of the tenement sometime John Fynch's, afterwards his wife Juliana's, afterwards Gilbert Burgey's [afterwards Robt. Priour's, near St. Nicholas' churchyard‡], 1d.

Tenement some time William Crabbe's by South Gate, afterwards John Crabbe's, tailor, afterwards John Bryce's alias Saueye (or Saneye) in St. Botolph's parish, 12d.

Tenement some time John Celer's, afterwards John Lawrence's [afterwards Austin Bonefaunt's‡], 12d.

Plot at "heth" [the Hythe] lately taken opposite the tenement some time Peter de [illegible] afterwards Robt. Buk's [afterwards Barth. Seman's‡], 4d.

Tenement sometime Peter Chapman's, afterwards Thos. Moveroun's [afterwards in escheat‡] [now Anselm Hichecok's*], 6d.

Tenement some time John Stonham's, by the tenement of John Lawrence, afterwards John Bridbrok's, fuller, 6d.

Tenement some time John Cook's, near the same, afterwards John Hetheman's (afterwards John Knyght's‡], 4d.

Tenement near the same, sometime Richd. Diere's, afterwards John Diere's, merchant, 12d.

Tenement sometime the said Richd. Diere's, called "Halkhous," afterwards John Clerc's, in right of his wife [afterwards Edmund Pakkard's‡], 12d.

[*End of Folio* 162. *Continuation on Dorse*].

Plot sometime John Aleyn's near his quay at the Hythe, afterwards Geoffrey Dawes's [afterwards Henry Bosse's‡], 3d.

Plot sometime Roger Coteler's, afterwards John Stonham's [afterwards John Knyghts‡], 1d.

Plot sometime Gilbert Courge's, afterwards John Kyge's in Moorstrat, afterwards William Andrew's [afterwards Ralph Algar's afterwards Austin Bonefaunt's‡], 4d.

Tenement of Henry Cartere, afterwards John Spug's, afterwards Katherine Spug's [afterwards John Germayn's‡] [now John Theyr's*], 8d.

Plot sometime Wm. Fermerie's at the Hythe, afterwards Seman Clerc's [now John Snoryng's alias Skaldere's*] [afterwards Thos. Osekyn's‡] 4d.

Plot in Moorstrat sometime John Pakkard's, currier, afterwards Wm. Fairegh's [afterwards John Baker's‡] [now Thos. Clynghoo's*], 3d.

Tenement sometime Arnulph Alphey's in Morstrat, afterwards Agnes Gille's [afterwards Wm. Hardyng's, baker‡], 3d.

Tenement sometime John Rady's "in le heth," afterwards John Bryd's [afterwards Richd. Stodlegh's‡] [now John Heende's*], 4d.

Tenement sometime Henry Crast's there, afterwards John Gales's [afterwards John Cristyan's, afterwards Thos, Godeston's‡] [now Thos. Oskyn's*], 4d.

Tenement sometime John Aleyn's there, afterwards Sir John Aleyn's, chaplain, [afterwards Richd. Stodelegh's‡] [now John Heende's*] 8d.

Tenement sometime John Tilneke's at "le Eldelond" afterwards Stephen Flysp's, cordwainer, 4d.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 162.

[*Folio* 163 (xci.).]

Tenement sometime Ralph Baldewyne's at the same place, [afterwards Wm. White's‡], 4d.

Plot of Wm. Maldone at Southssherde, afterwards Wm. Regne's [afterwards John Dawber's wife's in Holy Trinity parish] [now Ralph Nusted's*], 8d.

Plot sometime John Sneyl's by the Southssherde afterwards John Curteys's [afterwards Wm. Notyngham's‡] [now Robt. Sent's*) [now Richd. Cent's*], 4d.

Messuage sometime John Scotlonde's at "le Southgate" afterwards John Boyn's [afterwards John Mendham's‡] 3d.

From his upper room [solio suo] in the same place, afterwards John Boyn's [afterwards John Mendham's‡], 1d.

Plot sometime Lawrence Mallyng's, afterwards John Duch's, afterwards Simon atte Ree's in right of his wife, afterwards Walter Godfrey's, 2d.

Plot sometime Thos. Ferour's, afterwards John Grocer's [afterwards the woman Constantyn's (femine Constantyn)‡] [afterwards Robt. Barryngton's*], 2d.

Plot sometime Richard Felix's in Hethestrat, afterwards John Gardener's, cook, [afterwards Nicholas Sayer's‡] [afterwards William Whyter's*], 1d.

Plot sometime John Peldon's at the Hythe, afterwards Wm. Bocyngham's in right of his wife, afterwards his daughter Christina's, now Wm. Powre's [afterwards his wife's‡], 12d.

Anno 6 Henry V. [1418-19].

A plot of land demised to Robt. Wryght, John Goode, John Penne, and William Beure, at New Hythe, as appears in the time of John Foorde and Austin Bonefaunt, Bailiffs [1418-9]. Roll 15, infra. Payable at Hokeday, 4d.

Plot sometime Nicholas Chapman's there, afterwards John Sewhale's [now in the hands of the town‡], 12d.—[*End of Folio* 163.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 163.]

Plot at the same place, sometime John Lucas's, [afterwards Philip Negmer's‡] [now in hands of the town*], 12d.

Plot sometime John Tenham's at the Hythe, afterwards Edmund de la Mare's, afterwards Geoffrey Dawe's [afterwards Stephen Flysp's‡], 4d.

Plot of Thos. Markeshale, at Eldeland, afterwards John Dobere's and John Tilneke's [afterwards Wm. Whiter's‡], 4d.

Plot at the same place, sometime John atte Forde's, afterwards Henry Bosse's [afterwards Thos. Bosse's‡] [now Wm. Loder's*], 6d.

Plot, sometime William Cook's, where a chimney is constructed (ubi caminum construitur) afterwards John Boyn's [afterwards Roger Spicer's, at the North end of Wyrestrete‡] [afterwards Thomas Gameney's*], 2d.

Plot of tenement of John Aleyn on the west side, afterwards Sir John Aleyn's chaplain, [afterwards Richard Stodelegh's at the Hythe‡] [now John Heende's*], 1d.

Plot, sometime John Ry's, which he took from the commonalty of the town, afterwards John Okman's [afterwards Thomas Auntrous's], 2d.

From Geoffrey Dawe and John Aleyns for a plot which they have newly taken behind their quay at the Hythe [afterwards Richard Stodelegh's ‡], [now John Hende's*], 2d.

Plot of land taken at the tenement sometime Robert Cook's, afterwards John Boyn's [afterwards John Humfrey's ‡], 3d.

From the Abbey of St. John, Colchester, for their annual payment (pro pensione sua), 13s. 4d.

John Sewhale for a plot newly taken at the Hythe [now in hand ‡], 2s.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 163.]

[*Folio* 164 (xcij.).]

Richard Baud for plot taken for the augmentation of his house, which was formerly Robert Merik's (or Merild's), 4d.

Ralph Algar for a plot of vacant land newly taken before his tenement, formerly Christina's wife of Geoffrey Miche [afterwards Austin Bonefaunt's ‡], [now William Fuller's *], 2d.

John Broman and Katherine, his wife, for a plot of land at the Hythe newly taken, sometime Robt. Chapman's called "Longehobbe," [afterwards Barth. Seman's‡], 4d.

John Rodebright, jun., a plot of vacant land at the end of Moorstrat, by John Gardener's tenement, newly made anno 10 Richard II. [afterwards John Chyncheball's‡] [now Roger Cokur's*], 2d.

[For a certain house some time Philip Hastynge's in Morstrat, 4d,] [*This entry has been crossed out.*]

From a certain plot of ground of the commonalty (fundi communitatis), of John Mendham at "Sowthgate," where he abides, 8d.

From the Prior of St. Botolph for a certain plot of ground where he has newly built at the east end of the lane called Berislane, and on the south side of the same end of the lane, 4d.

Richard Stodle for a certain plot of vacant land at New Hythe behind Christina Peldon's tenement, demised to himself, 20d.

From Philip Neggemere for a certain plot of vacant land at New Hythe behind his tenement there, formerly John Sewhale's [now in the hands of the town‡], 2s. 8d.

Roger Spendelove for a plot of vacant land in St. Botolph's parish, opposite the street regie strate) [afterwards Robt. Smyth's‡], 6d.

From John Seburgh for a plot of the farm where he has newly built in Lodderslane [afterwards Robert Seburgh's‡] 2d.

Total, £2 10s. 11d.

(? £2 10s. 10d.)

From John Syward, chaplain for a plot of vacant land in Moor Street demised to him 10 Henry IV., as in Roll 44, 2d.

John Tannere for a plot of vacant land containing 12ft. in length by the highway, and 2ft. 2in. in width at the south end, to nothing at the north end, demised to him 2 and 3 Henry V., as in Roll 44, 2d.

John Mendham for a plot of vacant land in augmentation of his house at Southgate, 2d.

[*End of Folio* 164. *Dorse blank.*]

[*Folio* 165 (xciij.).]

RENTAL OF EAST WARD.

Plot of Richard Seburgh [afterwards John Seburgh's, now Robt. Wyght's in Frerestret‡], 2d.

Thos. Lane, for a plot taken by him by the Castle Ditch, afterwards Wm. Gergehole's (?), 2s. 2d.

A plot, namely of a capital tenement sometime John Glovere's, afterwards John Cobe's, now Richd. Byggyng's, as appears in certain indented deeds, whereof one part is with the said Richard and one in the common chest, 18d.

John Glovere, for a plot taken by him by the Castle Ditch, afterwards John Come's (?) 2s.

Tenement of John Dereham, chaplain, behind St. Helen's Chapel, 4d.

Tenement of Robert Sage, afterwards John Chircheman's [now Henry Downe's*], ½d.

John Mussel, for [a plot] newly taken there, beyond the old rent [now Henry Downne's], 20d.

Also for [a plot ?] newly taken for a plot [now John Churcheman's, now Henry Downne's] 4d.

Tenement of the Prior of St. Botolph in Colbaynslond.

Tenement of Geoffrey Haras, called Overwygesberne, by St. Helen's well, afterwards Andrew Boteler's, afterwards Wm. Cotell's, now his wife Margaret's, 12d.

The same Geoffrey, for a plot taken in augmentation of the said barn (grangie), afterwards Wm. Cotell's, now Margaret's, late [wife] of John Cotell.

John Skyrwhit, for a plot sometime John Ballok's, by St. Helen's well, afterwards Warin atte Welle's, and finally (deinde) Nicholas le Barbour's, as appears in the 9th Roll of Ralph Ode and Wm. le Clerk, Bailiffs 12 Edward II. [now William Cotell's‡], 18d.

Geoffrey Marchal, for a certain smithy (fabrica), sometimes Elias Leget's, afterwards Geoffrey Haras's, afterwards Nich. Primerole's, [now John Primerole's*], 12d.

The same Geoffrey, for a plot taken in augmention of the said workshop, afterwards Nich. Primerole's [now John Primerole's*], 12d.

The same Geoffrey, for a plot taken in augmentation of his tenement, sometime John Marchal's, afterwards Nich. Primerole's [now John Primerole's*], 8d.

[*End of Folio* 165.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 165.]

Geoffrey Marchal, for the posts (pro tramibus), afterwards the said Nicholas's, 2d.

From a plot and houses of Henry Barbour, opposite the Castle Ditch, sometime Peter Wepet's, afterwards John Barbour's, 18d.

Geoffrey Haras, a plot where he has a gate there, afterwards Andrew Boteler's, 4d.

The same for a plot afterwards the said Andrew's, 2d.

Tenement of Richard Dyngaright there, afterwards Wm. Chaumberleyn's, 14d.

Plot of Simon Lacoun, afterwards Robt. Heryng's, 6d.

‡ Interpolated later, in similar handwriting.

* Interpolated at a considerably later period in a different handwriting.

Smithy (fabrica) of Adam Ferour, sometime Thos. Marchal's, 6d.

From the posts (de tramibus) of the said Adam in front of opposite his tenement, 4d.

The said Adam, another plot of the said workshop, 2d.

The same for another plot in augmentation of the said workshop, 12d.

Plot and houses of Innocent (Inoce), wife sometime of Wm. de Hadleye, by St. Helen's well, afterwards John atte Forde's, 12d.

Katherine Diere in the market, formerly Philip Rokel's, afterwards John Sexteyn's, 12d.

Support (poya) of Richd. Dyngaright, afterwards John Sexteyn's, 3d.

Ditto, sometime Thomas de Cokefeld's, afterwards John Sexteyn's, 3d.

[Ditto, sometime John de Dedham's, afterwards John Sexteyn's, 3d.]

(*This entry has been crossed out.*)

[*Folio* 166 (xciv).]

Support (poya) sometime John of Dedham's, afterwards John Sexteyn's, 3d.

Houses and plot sometime John le Diere's in front of Nicholas le Hierde's, afterwards Thos. Palet's, afterwards Robt. Pope's, 6d.

Plot of land of John Keek on the west of the old chapel of St. Helen, afterwards John Cristian's, 2d.

Tenement of John Ode, sometime Arnulph le Soutere's, behind the chapel of St. Helen, afterwards John Christion's, 1d.

Tenement of Richd le Diere, sometime Matthew le Wrighte's, from a plot before his tenement in Maydenburgh, afterwards of the Friar of St. Helen (fratri Sancte Elene), 3d.

Tenement sometime Walter de Illeye's, a plot which he took in augmentation of the new upper room (novi solii), afterwards John Cristian's, 2d.

Plot which John atte Forche took in augmentation of his barn which was sometime Wm. Hadleye's, afterwards John atte Forche's, 2d.

From a tenement sometime Simon Overdlyng's for a plot before (ante) the said tenement, afterwards Robt. Heryng's, 2d.

Tenement of John Barbour and John Insshel (or Jusshel) by All Saints well, afterwards John Boyn's, 2s. 6d.

Tenement of Richd. Saier, sometime John Fynch's, afterwards John Boyn's, 3d. (or 3s.)

Richd. Saier, plot near the same tenement, where new shops are built, afterwards John Boyn's, 1d.

Plot of John Saburgh where he has a tenter, (ubi habet tentor'), by the tenement of Wm. Brid, afterwards John Boyn's, 6d.

Tenement of Henry Barbour, afterwards John Hamelyn's, 6d.

[*End of Folio* 166.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 166.]

John Roger for a gate by his tenement in Estret, afterwards John Stace's, 1d.

Messuage of Adam Barbour at Estgate, 12d.

Plot of land taken there by John Colle, glover, afterwards Adam Barbour's, 3d.

The said Adam, for paling [in front of tenement, 1d.

Moor of Richd. Parr, sometime Simon Messager's, by Middle melle [Middle Mill], afterwards John Walcham's, now John Heswys's, cook, 2s.

Plot of Henry atte Park, 6d.

Plot of Henry Koc's, sometime John atte Schawe's, in Estret, afterwards Wm. Bergholt's, 6d.

Plot of Matilda Jernagon in Hstret, 6d.

Plot of Nicholas Caperoun's at the west end of his tenement, afterwards Simon Diere's, 3d.

From a brewhouse (bracino) of John Canoun, sometime Henry Oskyn's, in Maydeburgh, afterwards St. Helen's, afterwards Wm. Bysshop's, 12d.

Nicholas Davy for his tenement there, sometime John Pod's, afterwards Richard Selvestre's, 8d.

Tenement of John Syward at East Gate, 12d.

Plot of Robt. Sage, sometime Henry Osekyn's, afterwards John Harpour's, 6d.

Plot of Thos. Wetherme at the Castle Gate (ad portam Castri), 2d.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 166.]

[*Folio* 167 (xcv.)].

Tenement sometime Matthew le Wryghte's in Maydeburgh, afterwards John Lambhird's, 6d.

John Rokele for his new tavern (taberna) in the market, 4d.

Plot of Thos. Deynes, afterwards Wm. Derby's, in Maydeburgh, 6d.

Corner plot of Rich. Hunte, in Maydeburgh, afterwards Richd. Wylegh's, 6d.

Messuage of Barnabas Parchminier, in Maydeburgh, 6d.

Tenement of John Wayte, in Maydeburgh, 4d.

New shop of John Halle [now Thos. Fraunceys's‡], 12d.

Plot of Wm. Gille, near Dauneldishil, [amount defaced].

Plot of Henry Bosse, where he has a ditch in front of the land, sometime Robt. Fraunceys's, 1d.

Peter Bakere, for his plot in Galwfeld [Gallow Field], afterwards of the Friars of St. Anne (fratrum sancte Anne), 4d.

The same, for a plot newly taken by him there in augmentation of his barn, afterwards of the Friars of St. Anne, 2d.

Plot of Wm. Caldewelle, by a plot sometime Thos. Lot's, in Estret, afterwards Peter Smyth's, 6d.

Stall of Thos. Besouthe, which was Thos. de Sarcorie's, afterwards Walter Reyne's, 3d.

Support (poya) of Wm. Bocyngham, afterwards John Prentys's, 3d.

Support of Richd. Evesyng, afterwards John Prentys's, 3d.

Another support of the said Richd., by his shop afterwards John Prentys's, of Hadleye, 3d.

[*End of Folio* 167. *Continuation on Dorse.*]

Peter Smyth, for a plot by Oldegatefeld beyond the old rent (ultra antiquam redditum), 4d.

Richd. Sybern, for his plot by Casteldich [now Robt. Benhale's‡], 3d.

John Plomer, from his plot at Casteldich, 6s. [4d.] [4d. allowed by the Auditors §].

Robt. Tykel, for his plot there, 2s. 4d.

John Waller, for his plot there, 2s. 4d.

John Mussel, for his tenement, 4d.

John Skirwhit, for his plot by the gutter, 16s.

Nicholas Morkyn, for a plot; of Estrete. } [now Wm. Grenewey's*] } 12d.

Wm. Morkyn, for a plot; of Estrete. } 12d.

Plot of Wm. Talbot, in Maydeburgh, now Geoffrey Cuttyng's, chaplain, 4d.

Adam Ferour for a plot called Colplace, 4d.

Plot of John Hamelyn [now Thos. Alayn's of London, and John Wankford's‡], 6d.

Wm. Bradewey, for a plot newly taken in front of his tenement by Estmelle [East Mill], 6d.

Wm. Berthelet, for a plot newly taken, 13d.

Simon White, for his plot by Casteldich, 12d.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 167.]

[*Folio* 168 (xcvi.)]

Tenement of Henry atte Stow in Maydeburgh, 2d.

Tenement of Wm. Goggere in Maydenburgh, 2d.

Wm. Grenewey, for a plot at the end of Estret, in augmentation of another plot, 6d.

John Deynes and John Leche, for a plot at Casteldych, afterwards Robert Tykel's and John Freysel's, 4d.

Ralph Taselere, for a vacant plot of land behind the house sometime Nich. Prymerole's, in St. Nicholas' Parish, 1 rod wide by 4 rods 1 ft. in length, 2d.

§ The figures iiijd. have been crossed through, and the entry as to allowance by the auditors has been interpolated in the margin in a somewhat later handwriting.

Henry Bosse, for a certain encroachment of a house built upon the common beyond Estgate, 6ft. wide, extending to a point [now Thos. Taylour's*], 2d.

John Grove, of Estret, for a plot of vacant land at the end of Estret, in front of his garden on the south side, now his wife's, 4d.

Sampson Reylond, for a plot of land at the end of Estret, east of the land demised to him by the Bailiffs, now his wife's, 4d.

John Fyndenayl, for a rent sometime John Hastyng's, near the tenement of Sir John Syward, chaplain, on the south side of the same, 4d.

Tenement sometime Simon Strutyn's, felon, in Estret, which came to the King as an escheat, demised by the Bailiffs, 15 Edward III., and in other demises, in the hands of the Abbey of St. John, in front of the end of John Joye's tenement, 6d. [see 15 Edward III., Roll 4.]

Wm. Horn for a butcher's stall demised to him, 8 Henry IV.

Three shops and a curtilage beyond East Bridge, sometime Wm. Sarterer's, afterwards Wm. atte Sloo's, ultimately his sister Matilda's, as appears in copy of a deed, Folio lxxxiv., now Wm. Bosse's, 6d.

[*End of Folio* 168.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 168.]

RENTAL OF HEVED WARD [HEAD WARD.]

Tenement of Simon Fordham, sometime Rammesdene, in Hevedstrat [Head Street], now Marion Fordham's [now Roger Hoberd's, John Trew's, cordwainer, and Robert Colweyn's*], 3s.

Tenement of Thos. Josep's, afterwards Henry Bosse's by Berestake [now Henry Bosse's, called Berstake Well‡] [now Wm. Colchestre's*], 2s.

Tenement, Sparwes [Sparrows] at Horssee, aiterwards of the Lord of Lexeden, 6d.

Tenement of Robt. Beche, sometime "Marchalestenement" by Culverlane, afterwards John Bech's [now Robt. Pye's, which

he inhabits near Culverslane, where two tenements are now situated‡] [now Wm. Pye's *], 12d.

Abbot of St. John, for the Fair which he holds of the commonalty of Colchester (Colecestrie) for three days, 3s.

John Frere, for his shop (selda) under the wall at the south corner of the church of St. Runwald [?St. Mary's] afterwards Thos. Clerc's [now of the widow of John Baker, merchant, ‡] [now Gilbert Seman's wife's *], 4s.

The same John, for his shop (selda) at the same place, afterwards John Boyn's [now Thos. Marchaunt's ‡] [now Roger Wyk's *], 4d.

John Leyre, mercer, for his shop at the corner under the wall of the church aforesaid, afterwards Wm. Sloman's, afterwards John Sexteyn's,[now Wm. Sampton's, and now Thos. Cokelell's, now John Stephene's ‡] [now John Odelyshoo's *], 5s.

John Boyn, for his shop under the north wall of the said church [now Thos. Cokelell's ‡], 3s. 6d.

The same John, for his shop under the wall aforesaid, on the side aforesaid, sometime John Grocer's, afterwards Alex. Pod's [now Thos. Cokelell's‡], 3s. 6d.

Tenement of Roger Chaumberleyn in front of the market, afterwards Wm. Cristemasse's [now Wm. Cotell's in right of his wife, where they dwell, in the market‡] [now Robt. Silby's *], 12d.

From the brewhouse (bracino) of Wm. Buk, sometime John Chapman's, in front of Whitfoteslane, afterwards Alex Cogger's, afterwards John Lucas's, [now in hands of feoffees per Adam Allymer‡] [now Wm. Peterworth's *], 8d.

Rents of Encroachments of the Ward aforesaid.

Tenement sometime Walter Marlere's, afterwards Wm. Bacoun's, in Lodderesslane, afterwards JohnVere's,[now John Fayrstede's, in right of his wife ‡] [afterwards John Reve's, now John Cokerell's, in right of his wife, now John Horndon's *], 1d.

Plot of Robt. le Verrer by Houndepet [which is not occupied, but lies in Houndepet by the stone wall ‡] [now John Hancok's *], 12d.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 168.]

[*Folio* 169 (xcvii.)]

Roger Hotfot, for a tenement, sometime Wm. de Mulsham's, afterwards Thos. Deynes's [now of Rose, late wife of John Haux‡] [now Wm. Skylman's, now Roger Wyk's*], 4d.

John Clerc, weaver, for his tenement near the tenement of Matthew fil. Robert [now Geoffrey Bagerowke's, late John Bromefeld's, now John Rykedon's‡], 1d.

Heirs of John Lansele, for his paling in front of Walter Rompour's tenement [now Wm. Mate's‡] [now Wm. Beche's*], 4d.

John de la Rokele, for his stall in front of his tenement in the market [now Geoffrey Rokell's ‡], 2s.

Adam Atte Welle, for a certain plot under the church aforesaid, afterwards Christina atte Welle's [now John Youn's, chaplain, and John Foule's, late John Gorle's *], 4d.

John Hancok for his paling in front of his tenement at Houndepet, afterwards Stephen Hancok's, 3d.

RENTS OF STALLS IN THE WARD AFORESAID.

Stall of Adam atte Welle, in the market, afterwards Christina atte Welle's [now Thos. Fraunceys's *], 8d.

Plot of John Pod, near the same, in front of his tenement in the market, afterwards Rose Pod's [now Robt. Pryour's, merchant ‡] [now J. Ronge's *], 4d.

Stall of Katherine Boyn, near adjacent, afterwards Simon Fordham's [now Marion Fordham's ‡], 4d.

Stall of Adam Waryn, near the same, 4d.

Stall of Alice Barbour, afterwards Simon Fordham's [late Thos. Kymble's, now John Baker's, of Stoke], 4d.

Another stall of the said Alice, afterwards the said Simon's, 4d.

Stall belonging to the church of St. Leonard, at the Hythe, adjoining [now the church warden's (gardiani ecclesie)‡], 4d.

Two stalls of Robt. Fraunceys's, near the same, afterwards Thos. Fraunceys's [now John Skete's‡], 8d.

Stall of Juliana Fynch.

Stall, belonging to St. Mary Magdalene, 18d.

Stall of John Maycok, near the same.

Stall of Robt. Sage there, afterwards Thos. Heryng's [now Thos. Woode's, beer brewer*], 20d.

[*End of Folio* 169.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 169.]

Stall of Wm. Buk, there, afterwards Alex. Coggere's [now John Rogere's, of Wyvenhoo‡], 14d.

Stall of Wm. Fermery, there, afterwards Thos. Clerc's [late John Clerk's, now John Herteshorne's‡], 14d.

Stall of Roger Chaumberleyne in front of his tenement in the market, afterwards Wm. Cristemasse's [now Roger Silby's‡], 2d.

Stall of John Somer, afterwards Thos. Moveroun's [now John Doreward's‡], 14d.

Stall, sometime Richard Clerc's, which Adam atte Welle holds in right of his wife, 12d.

Tenement of Wm. Mate, beyond Southssherde, by the house formerly Richd. Arwsmyth's, afterwards John Brome's of Old Heath [late Richd. Thursteyn's ‡], 1d.

RENTS OF POSTS (tramium) IN THE MARKET.

Supports, formerly John Whitcherche's, by Berestake, afterwards Alice Whitcherche's, 2d.

For the posts (tramibus), sometime Roger Astone's, in the market, afterwards John Pebenerssh's, clerk, 4d.

From a house formerly Geoffrey Undirwode's on the west of Head Gate (Hevedgate), afterwards Richd. Leyre's, mercer, [late John Taylour's, now John Goldsmyth's‡], 2d.

For the posts (tramibus), sometime Ralph Chaundeler's, afterwards John Maldon's, afterwards John Pebenerssh's, 2d.

Messuage of John Boyn within the gate of Hevedgate, on the East side, 6d.

Messuage sometime Agnes Ferthyng's by Southssherde, afterwards David Chapman's [now Wm. Hubert's, tailor‡], 6d.

[Shop and cellar of John de la Rokele in the market in front of Robt. Fraunceys, 4d.] [This entry has been crossed through and a memorandum inserted that the rent is charged in the East Ward Rental.]

RENT OF SHREBBEGAVEL.

Land of Warin fil. William in Schrebbefeld, afterwards John Halle's and his wife Mary's [now Thos. Clerc's‡] [now John Herteshorne's*], 18d.

Land of the Friars of the Hospital of the Blessed Mary Magdalene, there enclosed, 14d.

Land sometime Thos. Dedham's there, in Mabelies Pightel, afterwards Ralph Waryn's, chaplain [now John Baldewyn's, late Wm. Notwngham's‡], 18d.

Land belonging to the Charity of Joseph Elianore by Schrebbestrat, afterwards the said Ralph's, now John Kemp's, chaplain, 14d.

Land of the Hospital of the Prior of the Holy Cross, by the gate of "Schrebbe" (juxta hostium de schrebbe) now of the Fraternity of the Guild of St. Helen, 18d.

Land sometime Richd. de Colne's, afterwards John Aburton's, afterwards Wm. Bocyngham's [now John Odelyshoo's‡], 13d.

Land belonging to the chantry of Joseph Elianore, called Skeuelepightell, afterwards Ralph Waryn's, chaplain, now John Kemp's, 4d.

Land, sometime Adam Waryn's and Richd. Lovekyn's, before Simon Radebright's, afterwards John Lovekyn's, 5d.

Land of Simon Salman in right of his wife, sometime Marion Sandres's, afterwards John Beltesford's, sometime belonging to St. Mary's Church, 4½d.

Land, sometime Geoffrey Diere's, afterwards Wm. Bocyngham's [late Simon Mate's, late John Bateman's, now John Crew's‡], 9d.

Messuage of land, sometime Richd. Wastel's, afterwards John Smyth's, of Lexden, by Radebrightes Land (de lex' juxta Radebrightes-lond) in Schrebbefeld, sometime Thos. Deyns's, afterwards Richd. Waker's [late Robert Seburgh's].

From the increment of the Hospital of St. Anne at Crowcherche, beyond the ancient rent, 2d.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 169.]

[*Folio* 170 (xcviii).]

Item. Of a plot of John Haws's, in Holmere, demised to him [late Wm. Skylman's, now Roger Wyk's*], 12d.

John Aylemer, brewer, and Sarah, his wife, for the tenement which he inhabits in the Market Place, [payable] at the Feasts undermentioned annually, viz., Easter, Nativity of St. John Baptist, Michaelmas and Christmas, in equal portions, £4.

[*End of Folio* 170. *Dorse blank.*]

[*Folio* 171 (xcix). *Latin.*]

Allowances of the Liberty of Colchester enrolled as appears below:—

In the time of Simon Fordham and John Cristion Bailiffs, 10 Richd. II., allowances of the liberty of the town aforesaid in the Court of the said King at Westminster, as contained in three schedules thereon made, and the Rolls of the Court of the town aforesaid, Roll 26 infra.

Richard by the Grace of God, King, etc., to the Sheriff of Essex, greeting.

Command John Curteys that he restore justly and without delay to William Rattlesden, 10 acres of land with their appurtenances, which he claims to be his right and inheritance, and in which the same John has not ingress except by John Ratlesden, sometime the husband of Agnes Ratlesden, mother of the aforesaid William, whose heir he is, who demised those [acres] to him in her lifetime, as he alleges; and the aforesaid William having given security of prosecuting his claim, therefore let the aforesaid John be summoned before our Justices at Westminster on the morrow of the Purification. — Witness myself at Westminster, Jan. 10, in the year aforesaid.

John Ruggewyne, sheriff of Essex, returns that this writ could not be served in due time.

Plea at Westminster before Robt. Bealknap and his fellow Justices of the King of Common Bench, Hilary Term, 10 Richard II., Roll 315.

Essex. William Ratlesden, suing in his own person against John Curteys for 10 acres of land with appurtenances in Colchester as his right and inheritance, wherein the said John has no right of ingress except by John Ratlesden, sometime husband of Agnes Ratlesden, mother to the said William, whose heir he is, who demised them to him in her lifetime, etc. And thereon he states that the said Agnes was seized of the said land with its appurtenances in her demesne as of fee and of right, in the time of King Edward, and of the present King, etc., and that from the said Agnes descends the right, etc., to the same William, who now claims as son and heir, etc., and thereon produces seisin, etc. And the aforesaid John appeared in person. And thereon the Bailiffs of the town of Colchester appeared, and claimed their liberty of having sole cognisance of the plea aforesaid before them in their Court at Colchester, because they declare that the Lord Richard, sometime King of England, progenitor of the King that now is, by a certain Charter, granted to the Burgesses of the town, amongst other things, that they might choose from themselves whomsoever they wished as Bailiffs, and a Justice to hear pleas of the Crown within the Borough aforesaid, and that no other therein should be Justice, excepting him whom they had chosen. Which charter the Lord Edward, late King of England, grandfather of the Lord King that now is, ratified and confirmed by his

charter, and granted that the Burgess of the Borough aforesaid should plead outside the said Borough concerning any pleas of assize or plaints (querelis) either of lands or tenures being within the same Borough, or suburb of the same, nor of any trespasses or contracts within the said Borough or Liberty of the same; and that as often as any juries, assizes, or inquests should require to be taken upon tenures within, or upon trespasses, contracts, or felonies, within the same Borough done, those juries, assizes, and inquests should on no account be made by foreigners, but by Burgesses of the same town, unless that matter or that fact should affect the King himself, or his heirs or his ministers, or the commonalty of the said Borough. Which same charters and their contents the Lord King that now is approved, accepted and confirmed, to the aforesaid Burgesses, and their heirs and successors of his Borough aforesaid. And they produce here in Court the aforesaid Charter of the King that now is, of his confirmation aforesaid in these words :—

Richard, by the grace of God, etc.

They also produce here in Court a certain writ (breve clausum) of the Lord King in these words :—Richard, by the grace of God, etc., to his Justices in . . . . . Bench greeting. Whereas our Burgesses of Colchester by the charters of our progenitors,—[*End of Folio* 172. *Continuation on Dorse.*]—which Charters we have confirmed, claimed to have divers liberties, which they and their predecessors, Burgesses of the same town, from the time of the making of the aforesaid charters, have always hitherto used and enjoyed, as they say. We command you that you shall allow the same Burgesses to use and enjoy before you in the Bench aforesaid, the said Liberties according to the tenour of the aforesaid Charters, as they ought to use them, and as their predecessors from the time aforesaid have always hitherto been wont to use and enjoy them. Dated at Westminster, Feb. 4, in the tenth year of our reign.

And further they declare that this manner of liberty was elsewhere allowed to the Bailiffs of the Liberty of the town aforesaid in the Court of the Lord Edward, late King of England, grandfather of the King that now is, namely in Michaelmas Term, in the 20th year of his reign, Roll 518. And likewise in Trinity Term in the 24th of his reign, Roll 140, this manner of liberty was allowed to the Bailiffs of the Liberty of the same town. Wherefore they seek their liberty, etc., as aforesaid.

And upon this, enquiry is made of the parties aforesaid if they know any cause why the Bailiffs ought not to have their liberty in this matter, who answered that they did not.

Whereupon, after inspection of the said Charter of the King, and the said writ (breve clausum) and also the various allowances to the Bailiffs made before these times, in like manner of case, in the Court of the aforesaid King Edward now King, it is granted that the same Bailiffs may have their liberty in that plea, etc. And upon this the Bailiffs aforesaid fixed a day to the parties aforesaid, viz. :—On the Monday after the Feast of St. Peter in Cathedra next, at Colchester, before them. And it was stated to the same Bailiffs that they should administer full and speedy justice there to the parties aforesaid, etc.

ANOTHER LIKE CASE. †

Richard, by the Grace of God King of England and France, and Lord of Ireland, to the Sheriff of Essex, greeting. Command John Curteys that he shall justly and without delay restore to William Ratlesden, 40s., which he owes to him and unjustly detains, as he says; and unless he should do so and the aforesaid William having given surety of his claim as prosecutor, let the aforesaid John be summoned to appear before our Justices at Westminster in the morrow of the Purification to show why he should not do so, and have there the summons of this writ.

Dated at Westminster, Jan. 10, in the tenth year.

Plea at Westminster before Robt. Bealknap and his fellow Justices of the Lord King and Common Bench, Hilary Term, 10 Richd. II., Roll 112.

Essex. John Curteys was summoned to answer Wm. Ratlesden of a plea that he should restore to him 40s. which he owes and unjustly detains, etc. And thereon one same William appears in person and says that on the Monday after St. Laurence in the tenth Richard II. at Colchester he paid to the aforesaid John the aforesaid 40s., payable to him there at the following Michaelmas, and that the said John, frequently requistioned to pay the money aforesaid to the same William, has not restored the same, but has refused to restore it, and up to the present refuses. Wherefore he says that he has suffered loss and damage to the value of 100s., and thereon he makes his suit.

And the aforesaid John appears in person.

And the Bailiffs of the Liberty of the town of Colchester thereupon appear, and claim thereon their liberty to have cognizance of the plea aforesaid before them at Colchester.

And whereas this manner of liberty was elsewhere allowed here to the same Bailiffs by Writ of the present King as appears in the same Term, Roll 315, therefore the same Bailiffs may have their liberty in that same plea. And the Bailiffs thereon fixed a day for the parties, at Colchester, Monday after St. Peter in Cathedra, etc.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 171].

[*Folio* 172 (ci.) *Latin.*]

Richard by the Grace of God, etc., to the Sheriff of Essex, greeting.

If John Curteys gives surety for prosecuting his claim against Wm. Ratlesden, in respect of 40s., etc., summons shall be issued, etc. Given at Westminster, Jan. 16, 10 Richard II.

Plea before the Lord King at Westminster, Hilary Term. 10 Richard II. Roll 51.

Essex. Wm. Ratlesden was attached to answer John Curteys of a plea whereby it was alleged that he had, "vi et armis," broken into the close of the said John, and taken his goods and chattels to the value of 40s., and carried them away, and committed other enormities, etc. Whereupon the same John, by his attorney, Edmund Heryng, complains that the said William, on the Monday before St. Hilary, 10 Richard II., had broken into the said close at Colchester, as aforesaid, and taken and carried away [two words illegible] and vessels of bronze, brass, and wood, and committed other enormities against the peace, whereby the plaintiff states that he has been injured to the extend of £20. And, thereon he prefers his suit.

And the said William appears by Nicholas Kyrkeby, his attorney.

And, thereon, the Bailiffs of Colchester appear to claim their liberties, and seek thereon their liberty of having cognizance of that plea, before the Bailiffs and burgesses of the town aforesaid. For they state that Richard, son of King Henry, sometime King of England, progenitor of the king that now is, by his Charter granted and confirmed to the burgesses of Colchester that they might chose from themselves Bailiffs, whomsoever they would, and a Justice, to hear the pleas of his Crown, and to plead the same pleas within his Borough and that no other should be justice thereon, except him whom they had chosen, and that they should not plead in any plea without the walls of the same Borough. And afterwards the Lord Edward, son of King Edward, late King of England, progenitor of the King that now is, having inspected that charter, ratified all Liberties contained in it, and granted and confirmed the same for himself and his heirs. [Here follow the provisions of the charter as confirmed by Richard II.]

[*End of Folio* 172. *Continuation on Dorse.*]

They also cite the King's writ as before mentioned, allowing the liberties in the said

charters dated Feb. 4, 10 Richard II. And they state that the aforesaid John Curteys and the aforesaid Wm. Ratlesden are burgesses of Colchester, and finally they say that this manner of liberty has been very often allowed them in like case, viz. :—Before the King at Chelmesford, in Hilary Term, in the 26th year of Edward late King of England. Roll 51. Wm. Hadle v. Roger Hotfot of Colchester, of a plea of trespass ; and elsewhere before the Lord King, viz. :—In Michaelmas Term in the 28th year of the King aforesaid, Roll 46. Castenea Wyse v. Gilbert le Wright of Colchester, in plea of trespass, per billam ; and as before they seek thereon their liberty, etc.

And upon this, question is put to the parties aforesaid whether they have or know anything to say why this manner of liberty ought not to be allowed to the aforesaid Bailiffs and burgesses. Who reply in the negative. And the charter and writ aforesaid having been carefully examined, and also the allowances aforesaid, it is decided that the same Bailiffs and burgesses may have thereon their liberty. And upon this the aforesaid attorney of the aforesaid Bailiffs and burgesses fixed a day to the parties aforesaid at Colchester, before the Bailiffs and burgesses aforesaid, viz. :—Monday after the Feast of St. Peter in Cathedra. And it is said to the aforesaid attorney of the aforesaid Bailiffs and burgesses that full and speedy justice be done to the parties aforesaid, etc.

Record of process enrolled in Court Roll of Colchester in the time of Simon Fordham and John Cristion, Bailiffs of Colchester, Roll 26, infra, 10 Richard II.

To the Court of the Hundred aforesaid was sent Record of process, had in the Court of the Lord King at Westminster, before Robert Bealknap and his fellow Judges in Common Bench in Hilary Term, 10 Richard II. Roll 315. In a certain schedule attached to this Roll is contained [record of] William Ratlesden, plaintiff v. John Curteys ; claim for 10 acres of land with their appurtenances in Colchester, as is more fully contained in the said Record of process ; and Ratlesden and Curteys personally appeared in the Court aforesaid of Colchester Hundred aforesaid, according to the day fixed to them in the aforesaid Court at Westminster, as contained in the Record of process aforesaid. Which John Curteys indeed knew nothing to say or to show why he should not restore the aforesaid 10 acres of land to the aforesaid William Ratlesden. Therefore it is decided that the aforesaid William Ratlesden should recover the aforesaid 10 acres against the aforesaid John Curteys, and the same John Curteys is in misericordia, ut supra.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 172.]

[*Folio* 173 (cij). *Latin. Summarised.*]

A similar record is made of the plea of debt in which William Ratlesden was plaintiff and John Curteys defendant, the claim being for 40s. This action had been in like manner referred from Westminster to the Court of Colchester, and it was decided in the Colchester court that William Ratlesden should recover 40s. and 6s. 8d. for damages against the aforesaid Curteys.

A like Record in the action wherein John Curteys was plaintiff and William Ratlesden defendant in a plea of trespass. William Ratlesden appears and states that he was not culpable, and judgment was given against John Curteys because he did not appear to prosecute his suit.

[*End of Folio* 173.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 173. *Latin.*]

Hic ostendit remedium propter lesionem libertatis ville Colocestrie per vicecomitem Essex factam.

In the 10th Richd. II., Easter Term, in the time of Simon Fordham and John Cristion, Bailiffs of Colchester, John Regewyne, Sheriff of Essex, sent to the said Bailiffs return of a certain writ of the King, addressed to him in these words :—

Richard, by the grace of God, etc., to the Sheriff of Essex. We command you to cause to appear before our Justices at Westminster, in the morrow of the Ascension, Robt. atte Forde and Stephen Baroun, Bailiffs of Colchester, John Halle, Thos. Fraunceys, and Simon Fordham, witnesses named in a certain writing of quit-claim which Thos. Hynton has preferred in our Court at Westminster, under the name of John Lovet, to exclude Sir Thos. de Swynborne, Clement Spyce, and John de Boys, from the payment of an annual rent of £10 in the manor of East Merseye, to be received annually for the whole of the life of the same Thos. Hynton, by virtue of a note of a certain fine lately levied in our Court between the aforesaid Thos. de Swynborne, Clement, and John Boys, plaintiffs, and the aforesaid John Lovet, and Alianora, his wife, defendants, of £20 rent, with appurtenances proceeding from the Manor of East Merseye; by which fine the same John Lovet and Alianora granted to the same Thos. de Swynborne, Clement, and John de Boys, the aforesaid rent, which the beforementioned Thos. Hynton, tenant of the aforesaid Manor, was wont to pay to the same John Lovet and Alianora, to have and to receive in each year by the hands of the same Thos. Hynton for the whole of his life; and beside them twelve persons, as well Knights as other free and lawful men of the view of Colchester, of whom each shall have 100s. of land, tenements, or rent per annum, at least, and who shall not have any leaning or any affinity either to the aforesaid Thos. de Swynborne, Clement Spyce, and John de Boys, nor the aforesaid Thos. Hynton, to declare upon their oaths, likewise with the witnesses aforesaid, if the aforesaid John Lovet, by his writing aforesaid, has remitted [and] released to the same Thos. Hynton and his assigns, tenants of the Manor aforesaid, the said £10 by virtue of that note, and whether he is not liable to pay [such sum] to the aforesaid Thos. de Swynborne, Clement, and John de Boys, as the same Thos. de Hynton states, or not. On the other hand, as the same Thos. de Swynborne, Clement, and John Boys say, the aforesaid John Lovet has not remitted to the aforesaid Thomas Hynton the £10 per annum from the £20 aforesaid, by the writing aforesaid. Amongst whom thereon there is contention, [and] they have placed themselves upon [the decision of] that jury, and upon the witnesses aforesaid. And you shall have there the names of the jurors and this writ. Witness: Roger Bealknap, at Westminster, May 7, 10 Richard II.

And hereupon the said Simon Fordham and John Cristion, Bailiffs, returned to the aforesaid John Regewyne, Sheriff, a certain panel of twelve men, of whom the names are here noted, viz. :—George Fordham, Wm. Penne, Simon Slade, Alex. Pod, Seman Clerc, Thos. Clerc, Robt. Haliday, Simon Rodebright, John Beste, John Gernoun, John Skyrwhit, and John Saburgh. And the aforesaid Sheriff, the return of the aforesaid panel having been put in one side (omisso), returned a certain other panel of foreigners, before the Justices aforesaid on the day aforesaid, to the deprivation (exheredacionem) of the burgesses of the town aforesaid, and the manifest infringement of its liberty. On account of which, by advice of the Council of the Liberty of the town, Thos. Fraunceys and Simon Fordham were sent to the Kings's Court at Westminster, to provide to themselves for a fitting remedy in this behalf. Which Thos. Fraunceys and Simon Fordham obtained a certain writ of the King from his Chancery, addressed to the Kings's Justice of Common Bench in these words as follows in the next folio :—

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 173.]

FURTHER RECORDS RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE COLCHESTER COURT.†

[*Folio* 174 (ciij.) *Latin.*]

The King to his Justices of Bench, greeting. Whereas amongst other liberties to our

Burgesses of the town of Colchester, by Charter of our progenitors, sometime Kings of England, which by our charter we have confirmed, it is allowed to the same that they and their heirs in perpetuity may have return of all our writs, of all matters pertaining to the liberty of the aforesaid town, and that as often as juries or other inquisitions whatsoever shall require to be taken as to tenures by inhabitants within the borough, or trespasses, contracts, or felonies within the said borough or the liberty of the same committed, those assizes, juries and inquisitions, shall on no account be made by foreigners, but by burgesses of the same borough, unless that matter or fact touches us, or our heirs, or our servants, or the commonalty of the said borough, as in our aforesaid Charter and confirmation is more fully contained. And now the Bailiffs and commonalty of the town aforesaid have entreated us that whereas a certain inquisition waits (restet) to be taken before us whether John Lovet, by a certain writing of quit-claim, bearing date at the aforesaid town of Colchester (which Thomas Hynton has preferred before you under the name of the same John, for excluding Sir Thomas de Swynborne, Clement Spyce, and John de Boys, from the annual payment of a rent of £10 from the manor of East Merseye, receivable annually for the whole life of the same Thomas Hynton) has remitted and released to the same Thomas Hynton and his assigns, tenants of the aforesaid manor, the aforesaid £10, or not. And it is allowed that that matter or fact does not touch us or our servants, or the commonalty of the aforesaid Borough. And whereas the jurors then impanelled in the aforesaid inquisition (because the return thereon to the aforesaid Bailiffs was not made according to the liberties aforesaid) consist entirely of foreigners, and not of burgesses of the town aforesaid, to the no small damage and injury of the same Bailiffs and commonalty and the manifest danger of their liberties, we graciously will that remedy be provided them in that behalf. And because we will not that injury be done to the same Bailiffs and commonalty on that behalf, we command you that view of process having been had before you in that part, and due information had upon the premisses, if it may seem right to you so to be, you shall take the inquisition aforesaid of burgesses of the town of Colchester, setting aside entirely the aforesaid foreigners, if without offence to law this may be done, according to the tenour of the Charters of confirmation aforesaid, not in any wise molesting or burdening the same Bailiffs and commonalty, in this behalf against the tenour of the same. Witness, etc.

And also the aforesaid Thos. Fraunceys and Simon Fordham obtained a certain other writ, directed to the Coroners of the county of Essex, upon John Regewene, Sheriff of Essex, on account of the infringement of the liberty aforesaid, as follows :—

Richard, by the grace of God, etc., to the Coroners of Essex, greeting. If the Bailiffs and commonalty of the town of Colchester shall have made, etc., then place ye, etc., John Rugewyn, our Sheriff of the County aforesaid, that he shall be before our Justices at Westminster, in the octave of St. Michael, to show why--whereas amongst other liberties granted to our Burgesses of Colchester aforesaid [here follows the extract from the Charters as before, giving the town the right of inquisitions by Burgesses].

[*End of Folio* 174. *Continuation on Dorse.*]

And we have lately commanded the same Sheriff by our writ, that he should cause to appear before the same Justices in the quinzaine of Easter next, twelve men as well Knights as other worthy and lawful men of the view of Colchester, by whom the truth of the matter might be better known, to declare upon their oath whether John Lovet by a certain writing of his, of quit-claim, bearing date at Colchester aforesaid, which Thomas Hynton has produced before the said Justice

under the name of the same John, to exclude Sir Thomas de Swynborne, Clement Spyce, and John de Boys, from the payment of an annual rent of £10 from the manor of East Merseye, receivable annually for the whole lifetime of the same Thomas Hynton, has remitted and released to the same Thomas Hynton his assigns, tenants of the aforesaid manor, the aforesaid £10, or not. And the same Sheriff should have made return of the aforesaid writ to the same Bailiffs according to their liberty, and the same Bailiffs by virtue of the aforesaid return, should have remitted, returned and delivered at the aforesaid town of Colchester, a certain panel of twelve burgesses of the town aforesaid, to the same Sheriff, long before the quinzaine aforesaid. The Sheriff aforesaid, by collusion entered into (prehabita) between himself and the aforesaid Thos. Swynborne, Clement Spyce, and John de Boys, has suppressed the aforesaid panel, and invalidated it, by making return, nevertheless, before the aforesaid Justices, that the writ aforesaid was delivered to him so late that he was not able to do execution of the same thereafter. [And] whereas, by our other writ de judicio, we have commanded, as elsewhere, the aforesaid Sheriff that he should cause to come before the same Justices, in the Octave of Trinity next, twelve men, as well Knights as other worthy and lawful men of the view aforesaid of Colchester, in form aforesaid, the Sheriff aforesaid, not careful to make return of the same writ to the same Bailiffs, according to the liberty aforesaid, has craftily returned a certain panel of Foreigners, omitting altogether in the same panel, the Burgesses of the town aforesaid, before our Justices aforesaid. And afterwards by another writ of ours de judicio, we commanded the same Sheriff that he should bring the persons of the Jury, so impanelled by himself, in the plea aforesaid, in the octave of the following St. John Baptist now past, and that, to make that Jury, he should bring ten such men, as well Knights as other worthy and lawful men of the view aforesaid, into the Jury aforesaid. The same Sheriff has not been careful to make return of the same writ to the aforesaid Bailiffs but on the contrary by collusion has craftily taken one half of the aforesaid ten persons from foreigners, and the other half from burgesses of the town, and has placed them on the jury aforesaid, to the grievous injury and prejudice of the same Bailiffs, and the manifest infringement of their liberty. And ye shall have &c.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 174.]

[*Folio* 175 (ciiij.) *Latin.*]

In the time of Thos. Fraunceys and John Saburgh, Bailiffs of Colchester, 2 Richard II. Allowance of the Liberty of Colchester in the Court of the King of Westminster, appears below as is contained in a schedule thereon made in the Court Roll of Colchester in the year aforesaid, with other allowances annexed. Roll 36 infra.

Richard, by the grace of God, etc., to the Sheriff of Essex, greeting, we command Nicholas Kervere that, without delay, he shall restore to John Capel and Beatrice, his wife, the reasonable share of the same Beatrice in the free tenement which was Wm. Diere's, sometime her husband, in Colchester, whence she has nothing, as she says; because she complains that the aforesaid Nicholas has forcibly deprived her thereof. And unless he shall do so, and if the said John and Beatrice shall provide surety for prosecuting their suit against the aforesaid Nicholas, summons shall issue for his attendance at Westminster in the quinzaine of Hilary, to show why, etc. Dated at Westminster, Nov. 3, 10 Richard II.

RECORD OF LITIGATION IN 1387.†

[*Latin.*] Plea at Westminster before Richard Cherlton and his fellow Justices of the said King's Bench, Hilary Term, 11 Richard II.

Essex. John Capel and Beatrice, his wife, by John Sompter, their attorney, claim against Nicholas Kervere, for a third part of a

messuage with appurtenances in Colchester, as dower of the same Beatrice by dotation of William Diere, sometime her husband, etc.

And the aforesaid Nicholas appears in person.

And hereupon the Bailiffs of the liberty of the town of Colchester appear and claim thereon their liberty, and because this manner of liberty has been allowed them before, as appears in Hilary term, 10 Richard II., Roll 315, therefore the same Bailiffs may have thereon their liberty in that plea. And the same Bailiffs fixed a day to the parties aforesaid, before them at Colchester, on Monday next after the middle of Quadragesima. And it is stated to the said Bailiffs that they shall render speedy justice, etc.

THE FEE FARM OF COLCHESTER AND THE ALLOWANCES THEREFROM.†

[*Latin.*]—In the Great Roll of 14 Richard II. [1390-1], in Essex, Hertford :—The men of Colchester owe £42 per annum, concerning the farm of their town from the 1st October, 10 Henry, as contained in Roll 11, and Roll 10, and in Roll 15 of King Edward, son of King Edward, and in Roll 1 of John ; and £7 for the year aforesaid—total £49. Concerning which the Sheriff of Essex returns, in item Essex, of £42. And they owe £7. And £42 for the same farm per the Sheriff, as is contained in item Essex—total £49. The same (iidem) render account of the same debt, money paid. £35 ; and in the constituted alms to the monks of Colchester 40s. for this year, and the previous year, as was allowed in Roll 11, and in Roll 2, and in Roll 55, Henry III. ; and in default of four moneyers, £8 for the same years, as was allowed there ; and in default of the wood of Kyngeswode, £4 for the same years, as was allowed there. And they are quit.

And that precept is likewise enrolled in the Red Paper Book (in rubro libro de papero), Folio 465.*

*The entry is not now extant in the Red Paper Book.

ACTION BETWEEN THE TOWN AND ABBEY AS TO JURISDICTION OF CORONERS, A.D. 1290.†

Plea in the Exchequer of the Lord King between the town of Colchester and the Abbey of St. John, Colchester, 18 Edward fil Henry. In which plea it is contained that the Coroners of Colchester shall do their office within the Abbey of Colchester, transcript of which is in the common chest. And several other matters are contained in the said transcript.

[*End of Folio* 175.]

MATTERS WITHIN THE COGNIZANCE OF THE LAWHUNDRED COURT.†

[*Dorse of Folio* 175. *Latin.*]

Handwriting of about A.D. 1375.†

Isti articuli Lawehundrede Colecestrie secundum usum et consuetudinem Burgi. [These are the articles of the Lawhundred of Colchester according to use and custom of the Borough.]

Of customs and services due by right to this court and withdrawn ; by whom, and at time of what Bailiffs.

Of treasure found ; when, where, and by whom.

Of hues raised ; when, where, and by whom, and whether justly or unjustly.

Of blood spilt, and especially (maxime) within 12 days of Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost.

Of encroachments made in lands, water, and elsewhere, against (super) the Lord King.

Of waters traversing the highway (De aquis transversis extra iter regale) and elsewhere, so that they have not right course as they used to have.

Of thieves and their receivers abiding (commorantibus) with the borough or liberty.

Of falsifiers and clippers of money, and their abettors and receivers.

Of Christians taking usury (De Christianis usurariis).

Of ditches not scoured to the damage of neighbours and by-passers and incomers.

Of assize of bread and beer not observed.

Of those who have two measures, so that they may buy by the greater and sell by the less.

Of rapes of mistresses (dominarum), girls, and others with the goods and chattels of their masters.

Of outlaws who return to the country without warrant, and of their receivers.

Of those who watch by night and sleep by day, frequenting and inhabiting the tavern.

Of false weights and measures ; who sell and buy by them ; and [whether] not sealed nor affeered.

Of those who fish in the river (in riparia) and sell fish as they come thence, where it is not lawful for anyone to do this, except for their own costs (pro expensis suis).

Of those who retain without payment (insoluti detinent) rents, stalls, "walgrave" (?) of bridges (Walgave pontium), and rents for encroachments allowed for rent (arrentatis) which commonly belong to the King, and from what time they have retained them.

Of those who dig within the banlieu of Colchester for clay, gravel, and sand, in contempt of the Lord King to the injury (nocumentum) of the people.

[The following are a different ink and seem to have been written at a later date.]

Of foreigners abiding within the liberty of the Borough who have not done fealty to the Lord King, nor given security that they will well, faithfully, and peacefully bear themselves whilst abiding for 40 days where it is not allowed of right to anyone to do this ; and of those who receive such beyond 40 days.

Of aliens who fish in the river (riparia) and are not to scot and lot.

Of those who take away (apportant) stones of the wall of the Borough, or of the gates, or of the planking, or the planking of the fencing (planchie de claustura).

Of the bolts and the keys of the gates and of the stocks (cathenarum) ; into whose hands they have come.

Of those who impede the wardens of meat (conservatores carnium) whereby they are less able to exercise their office ; and if they have done their office in all matters of default.

Of those who retain and conceal customs of the Lord King.

Of burgesses concealing toll of corn and other goods bought and sold by them [on which] toll ought to be given.

Of forestallers in the market and at the entrance of the gates, by land, water, or elsewhere.

Of the sale of diseased meat (carn' superseniat') other than in the place thereto assigned (alibi quam in loco ad hoc deputato).

Of those who sell by measure not sealed with the seal of the commonalty.

Of beasts killed by injury ; who sell them ; fresh or salted.

Of those who keep fresh meat in summer beyond three days, and in winter beyond four days, and afterwards expose it for sale.

[A line illegible.]

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 175. *Continuation on Folio* 176 (ev.).]

Of butchers who bring (adducunt) meat for sale without the hides (coreis) contrary to the ordinance of the Borough.

Of those who sell corrupt wines contrary to the ordinance, etc.

Of those who sell wines contrary to the assize. How many times and in what quantity.

Of those who sell hides (correa) not well or sufficiently tanned, against the assize.

Of those who sell cloth to exporters (demigrant'*) and [of those] who [sell] wool to exporters (et qui lanam demigrant').

Of those who charge (onerant) the common pasture of the borough of Colchester, &c.

Of foreigners (extraneis) who come to take

* Demigrantibus (?)

the fox, the hare, and the cat within the banlieu of Colchester, and are not to scot and lot.

Of those who sell salt and flour with false measure.

Of the goods and chattels of felons fugitive; and into whose hands they have come.

Of those who receive common prostitutes within the borough against the ordinance, &c.

Of millers, whether they take unjust toll.

Of those who block up (obstupant) and impede (coarcant) the lanes (vias semitas) where men have been wont to ride (equitare) from time beyond memory.

Of common vagrants by night, against the peace, and of malefactors.

Of those who buy poultry, and of those who expose victuals for sale before the ringing of the bell (ante puls' campane) contrary to the ordinance of the Borough.

Of those who sell diseased meat of bullocks, cows, or swine, in divers places, contrary to the ordinance of the Borough.

Of common disputers (litigatoriis) imputing crime against their neighbours, or strangers (extraneis) in the market or elsewhere.

Of foreigners occupying the common beyond time contrary to the ordinance of the Borough.

Of timber left on the common.

Of busy bodies (de garulatoriis).

[*In a later handwriting*]

Of those who take doves in snares or in any other manner.

Of hunters (venatoribus) who keep dogs contrary to the statute.

THE TOLL OF A MILLER.‡

[*Latin.*]—Toll of a miller is to be taken at the twenty-fourth of the grain (ad vicesimum quartum granium) by the statute of Weights and Measures, in composition as follows, namely: of three quarters, one bushel; so that from one bushel is to be taken one quart, and the third part of a quart. And the said quart of corn shall weigh 39s. 2d.; and the third part 13s. 4d., ; and so the toll for one bushel shall weigh 52s. 3d., in the weights whereby the baker's loaves are weighed.

A FURTHER ENTRY REGARDING THE FEE FARM.‡

[*Latin.*]—In the Great Roll of the 15th year [? Henry III., i.e., 1230-1], in the time of William de Coggeshale, £6.

From the men of Colchester for the farm of their town, from the 1st day of October, in the 10th year of the present King, £42, and from [a word illegible.]

Thomas de Cogeshale, one of the Bailiffs, is charged in the Pipe Roll (in pipa) for the 17th year . . . . . £42.

From the men of Colchester, for the farm of their town from the 1st day of October, in the 10th year of the present King.

[*End of Folio* 176].

ALLOWANCES OF THE LIBERTY OF COLCHESTER.†

Dorse of Folio 176—*Latin.*]—The liberty of Colchester was allowed before the Lord King in Hilary Term, 36 Edward III., in a plea of trespass. Also at Chelmsford in the 26 Edward III., Roll 46. Also it is allowed before the King himself at Colchester, in Michaelmas term, in the 38th Edward III., Roll 46.

The Liberty of the town of Colchester was allowed before the Justices of Common Bench in Michaelmas Term 20th year [Edward III.], Roll 518, and it was elsewhere allowed in Easter Term 34th Edward III. Elsewhere it was allowed in Trinity term, 34th year, Roll 140.

The liberty of Colchester was allowed before the Lord King at Brendewode (Brentwood) in Michaelmas term, 13 Richard II., Roll 24, in the time of Walter Clopton and his fellow Justices.

The liberty of Colchester was allowed in Common Bench in Michaelmas term 13, Richard II., Roll 310, in the time of Charlton and his fellow Justices.

The liberty of Colchester was allowed in Common Bench in Michaelmas term in 18th of the King aforesaid, Roll 306, before Robt. Cherleton and his fellow Justices.

Between Robert Boloyne and Ann, his wife, and Wm. atte Leechmaler, John de Boys, and John Estthorp, in plea of land concerning a tenement in West Donylond, whereof process is enrolled in the Court Roll of Colchester in the time of John Seburgh and Thos. Clerc, Bailiffs of the said town, in the 18th year aforesaid ; Roll 10 of their year extra.

FURTHER ENTRY AS TO THE FEE FARM PAYMENTS AND ALLOWANCES.†

[*Latin*]—The men of Colchester owe £40 from their town, which was extended to £42, so contained in the 15th Roll of the King's father and in the 1st Roll of King John ; and £238 for the previous years, beside £280 in the treasury, £105 in three tallies [and in the constituted alms to the monks of Colchester, £10 for the 39th and 40th years, and 8 years following, (in) this year, the 48th]* by account, namely 20s. per annum; and in default of 4 moneyers £40 for the same time, namely £4 per annum ; and in default of the wood of Kyngeswode for the same time, £20, viz., 40s. per annum, as contained in Roll 11, and in Rolls 2 and 55, of King Henry. And to Philippa, late Queen of England, consort of the King [Edward III.] to whom the King, on August 23, in the 33rd year [1359] among other things granted £35, to have from the farm of the town aforesaid for the whole life of the same King, £105 for the 40th, 41st, and 42nd years, by writ of the King which is amongst the commons (inter communia) of the 33rd year, Michaelmas Term, concerning which Richard Ravenes, Receiver of the monies of the same Queen, is charged in his accounts in keeping of the Remembrancer of the King for the time being. And they are quit.

*The portion in brackets has been interpolated.

In the Great Roll of the 48th year Edward III., under Essex [1374].

NOTE OF ENROLMENT OF CONFIRMATION OF THE CHARTER OF COLCHESTER.†

[*Latin.*]—Confirmation of the Charter of Colchester is enrolled in the fifth part of the patents of the 1st year of [name illegible] King at Westminster, January 27, 1st year.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 176.]

ENROLMENT OF COLCHESTER LIBERTIES, 1389 †

[*Folio* 177 (*Marked* xcix). *This Folio has been misplaced.*]

Allowance of the liberty of Colchester before the King at Brendewode (Brentwood) in Michaelmas term, 13 Richard II., enrolled amongst other allowances in the 14th year, Roll 26 infra, in the time of Simon Fordham and John Cristion, Bailiffs.

IN REFERENCE TO AN ALLEGED WRONGFUL SEIZURE OF GOODS, 1388.†

In the time of Thos. Fraunceys and Alex. Cogger, Bailiffs of Colchester, 13 Richard II. [1389-90].

Essex. John Spak complains concerning Wm. Samptoun, Jas. Goldsmyth, of Colchester, John Leche, John Harusmyth (Arrowsmith ?), John Bisshop, jun., John Benehale, spicer, John Stryngere, fletcher, John Pykard, jun., John Armorer, Richd. Rouge, and Peter Ledere, that they, on Wednesday after the Nativity of St. John Baptist, in the 12th year of the present King [1388], "vi et armis," to wit with swords, basselards and daggers and armed with leather jerkins (videlicet gladiis, baculis ac daggeres, et cum loricis armati) broke into the close of the same John Spak at Colchester in St. Nicholas parish, in the South

Ward, and took and carried away his goods and chattels, viz., one pyx (pixidem) with three deeds of certain lands and tenements in Colchester whereby by a deed obligatory of £20, John Claveryng, and John Coldham were bound to the same John Spak, and one letter of acquittance concerning £20 which the aforesaid John paid to Roger Wolverston, one belt, silver-mounted, (zonam arraiatam cum argento), one ring of gold with a stone called "rubye," linen (mappas), a towel (manutergiam), pillows (lectas), and sheets (linthiamina), vessels of pewter, and other house utensils found there, to the value of £20, and did other enormities to him, to the damage of the said John Spak, of one hundred marks, and against the peace of the King, &c. Pledges for the prosecution William Ratlesden and Thos. Marchaunt.

Plea before the Lord King at Brendewode, Michaelmas term, 13 Richard II., Roll 24.

Wm. Samptoun, Jas. Goldsmyth, of Colchester, John Leche, John Harusmyth, John Bisshop, jun., John Benehale, spicer, John Strynger, fletcher, John Pykard, jun., John Armoner (*sic*), Richd. Rouge, and Peter Ledere were attached to answer John Spak of a plea of trespass per billam.

And there are pledges of the prosecutor, viz., William Ratlesden and Thomas Marchaunt.

And thereon the same John Spak in his own person, complained that the aforesaid defendants on the day aforesaid had committed the offence mentioned [which is again set forth in full].

The defendants appeared by John Hodere, their attorney.

And hereon came Edmund de Heryng, attorney of the Bailiffs and Burgesses of Colchester, to claim and prosecute their liberties, and he demands thereon their liberty to have cognizance of the aforesaid plea before the Bailiffs and burgesses beforementioned of the aforesaid town. Because he says that this manner of liberty was in like manner allowed in Hilary term, 10 Richard II., Roll 51, before the Lord King in the action of John Curteys v. William Ratlesden, in plea of trespass. And likewise in Michaelmas term 38 Edward [1364] Roll 46, Constantia Wise v. Walter Wright, of Colchester, of a plea of trespass per billam. And thereon he requests their liberty.

And the parties being asked if they had or knew anything to say why this liberty should not be allowed, replied that they had not.

Therefore it was decided that the same Bailiffs and burgesses may have their liberty. And thereon the attorney for the Bailiffs and burgesses fixed a day for the hearing of the plea at Colchester, namely the Monday next after St. Nicholas. And it was stated to the aforesaid Bailiffs, etc., that they should render speedy justice, etc.

[*End of Folio* 177.]

CONCERNING ANOTHER ALLEGED WRONGFUL SEIZURE OF GOODS, 1382. †

[*Dorse of Folio* 177.]

Allowance of the liberties of the Town of Colchester in Common Bench in Michaelmas Term, 13 Richard II., Roll 310. [1389].

Plea at Westminster before Rs.de Charleton of his fellow Justices in Bench, in Michaelmas Term, 13 Richard II.

Peter Smyth, of Colchester, and William Dod, of Colchester, were attached to answer Robert Cook, of Langham, in a plea that they had taken and carried away, "vi et armis," goods and chattels found at Colchester, the property of the said Robert, to the value of £10, and had committed other enormities to the injury of the said Robert and against the peace of the King.

And, thereon, the same Robert by his attorney, John Warde, complains that the aforesaid Peter and William, on Thursday after Michaelmas Day, in the 6th Richard II. [1382], took and carried away, "vi et armis," viz., with swords and bows and arrows, the goods and chattels of the same Robert, viz., six

barrels of osmund (cadas de Osmond) found at Colchester, and committed other enormities, etc., whereby he says he has suffered loss to the value of £40, and thereon he prefers his suit, etc.

And the aforesaid Peter and William came by their attorney, John Sumpter, and defended their action.

And hereon came the Bailiffs of the Liberty of the Town of Colchester by Richard Carlton, their attorney, to seek and claim, prosecute and defend all their liberties; and they claim the liberty of cognizance of the plea aforesaid, before the same Bailiffs at Colchester. And because this manner of liberty has been elsewhere allowed to the same Bailiffs by the King's writ in Hilary Term, 10 Richard II., Roll 315, therefore the same Bailiffs may have their liberty, and a day is fixed for hearing the plea at Colchester.

COPY OF THE ORIGINAL WRIT IN THIS CASE.†

Richard, by the grace of God, King of England, etc., to the Sheriff of Essex, greeting.

If Robert Cook, of Lavenham (sic) gives surety for prosecuting his claim, let Peter Smyth and William Dod, of Colchester, be summoned to appear before our Judges at Westminster in Hilary, etc., in the plea as already set forth against them. Dated Westminster, June 13, 13 Richard II.

AN ENROLMENT OF THE CHARTER OF COLCHESTER IN 1303. †

Charter of the Liberty of the Town of Colchester, enrolled in Bench in Hilary Term. The second Roll, "De Castris et Proteccionibus," 31st Edward fil. Henry [1303], as appears in the Long Roll, no. 8 in the year aforesaid.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 177.]

AN EXTRACT FROM AN ANCIENT ACT.

[*Folio* 178. *An entry in English as follows*] :—

Provided also that alle letters patents, made to the Mayers and commonalte, or baillifs, or commonalte, or bailifs and burgeys of any cite (city) toun, or burgh, or to the citeseyns and burgeys of the same, for to be exempt fro the power and auctorite and jurisdiccon of the Admyrall of Englond or Clerk of the Market for the tyme beyng, or fro the power of the Wardeynes of your marchez of Englond towardes Scotland, be uttirly forprised and except out of this Acte, and non of suche letters patentez comprised in the same.

[The remainder of this Folio is occupied by penmanship of later date, and includes the name of John Day. "Sr Simon Jefferies," 1729.]

[*End of Folio* 178.]

[*Dorse blank*, except for a few words jotted down apparently for the purpose of trying the pen.

This also applies to *Folio* 179.]

ENTRY RESPECTING THE "RAVEN SEAL" OF THE BOROUGH.†

[*Dorse of Folio* 179].

Md. qd. scriptura in sigillo de le Ravene sic continetur in bordare sigilli predicti :—

Sigillu. custod. port. Colecestr.

Et in alio sigillo communi sic continetur in bordar' :—

Colecestrensis sui* Burgi comune sigillum —super le Castelside.

[*Translation* :—Memorandum that the writing upon the seal of the Raven is thus contained in the border of the aforesaid seal :—

Seal of the Warden of the Port of Colchester.

And on the other common seal is thus contained in the border :

I am the common seal of the Borough of Colchester.

—upon the Castle side of the seal.]

[Subjoined are illustrations of the two seals referred to in this entry. That of the Custos Portus or Portreeve of Colchester is believed to date from Saxon or early Norman times, and

* "Sui," written by mistake for "sum."

is supposed to have been the seal of the Port-treeve used before the incorporation of the

The Raven Seal.

Borough in 1189, and also—as appears by this entry—used subsequently as one of the common seals of the borough.

Obverse.

The other seal is not now in existance, but casts from a rare impression are in the Colchester Museum. The Obverse bears an effigy of St. Helena enshrined, with the Cross and the Holy Nails, and the inscription "QVAM CRVX INSIGNIT HELENAM COLCESTRIA GIGNIT." This seal is probably of the end of the 14th or beginning of the 15th Century, when the spelling "Colcestria" superseded "Colecestria." The entry seems to have been made about the year 1450].

A MEMORANDUM OF HANDING OVER THE EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE CHARTER IN 1576.†

Delivered John Clere the xxiij. of June, 1576, the exemplific. of the Charter of Phillip and Mary.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 179. *Folio* 180 *and its Dorse are blank.*]

PORTION OF RENTAL OF THE TOWN OF COLCHESTER, TEMP. ELIZABETH.†

[*Folio* 181. *English. Writing temp. Elizabeth.*]

RENTAL DE NORTHE WARDE.

Inprimis of the tenement of lands in Estockwell Street, late John Ball, afterward Jackson, now John Pye, 8d.

Reverse.—"The Castle Side."

Item of the tenement and lands late John Sadler, after Robert Mydleton, now Henrye Hearninge.

Item of the tenement and lands, late of Rychard Marks, in Northestrete, late in the tenure of Robte. Smythe, clothyer, after Rychard Blackborne, now the heyers of John Georg, 6d.

Item of the tenement and landes of Johane Brian, wydowe, and for a certyn vyneyearde,

late Rychard Roberts, after in the tenure of James Wylson, now the heyers of John Roberts, 2d.

Item of the Boregate of Johane Brian, wydowe, after John Mace, after Richard Roberts, now the said heyers of John Roberts, 4d.

Item of a shopp and soller of theste (the east) parte of thentring (the entrance) into the Motehall gate, late the lady Hylls, nowe widow Franckham, 6s. 8d.

Item of the tenement and lands, late Thos. Wolverstone, esquyre, after Wm. Forde, of Hadleyghe, late in the tenure of Wm. Pigot Smyth, now of ——*, 6d.

Item of the tenement and land in Northestrete, late Henrye Piggesleye, after Richard Cammon, clark, after Richard Porter, nowe John Thedam, 2d.

Item of fower stawles, late of John Ball, bocher, after Edmund Wylson, and late in the tenure of John Howe and Henry Morton, and nowe ——*, 3s.

Item of a meadow lyinge at Northe Bridge, late of John Lucas, esquyre, after Robert Maynerd, now Edward Maynerd, 6d.

Item of a tenement and land, late Richard Christmas, after Henrye Webbe, late in the hands of the wyfe of Robert Pereson, late the wyff of John Rogers, nowe in the hands of ——*, 2d.

[*End of Folio* 181. *Dorse blank*].

RECORD OF ORDNANCE AT COLCHESTER. 1642.†

[*Folio* 182. *English.*]

These ordnance proved the fiftenth day of November, 1642, for Coulchester.

	c.	q.	lb.	
Whole cullvering	35	1	0	
	35	1	14	
	70	2	14	att 14s. per cwt.
				£49 8s. 9d.

*Blank in MS.

	c.	q.	lb.	
	17	0	21	
Demiculvers and drakes.	17	0	0	
	18	0	0	
	17	1	0	
	16	3	7	
	17	1	21	
	17	3	0	
	17	1	21	
	138	3	14	att 25s. per cwt.
				£173 11s. 11d.
Light demi Cull Cutts.	11	2	0	
	11	0	14	
	11	0	14	
	11	2	0	
	45	1	0	att 17s. 0½d. per cwt.
				£39 11s. 10½d.

Total £262 12s. 6½d.

FURTHER ENTRIES IN REFERENCE TO ORDNANCE AND ARMS.†

Received this 21st November, 1642, of Mr. Barrington in full of this bill the summe of Twoe hundred sixtie and two pounds, twelve shillings, sixe pence, I say received in full for the use of my master, Samuel Ferrers, per me, Joseph Alexander—£262 12s. 6d.

Laied out for provision for those guns as did appeare by bill—£138 2s. 2d.

Laied out for fower carriages for the guns—£36 16s. 6d.

To the proofe master, £5 16s. 6d.

For Tower charges, £3 3s. 6d.

For Crannage and porters, £1 18s. 8d.

For fiftie musketts and rests, £50.

For sixe old musketts and fower swordes £5 10s.

Total £504 1s. 10d.

For fiftie musketts at London, £50.

For expences and other charges, £5 18s. 2d.

Total £560.

For fiftie swords, belts, and bandeleers, £24 17s.

The bills abovemenconed, with divers other bills concerninge the magazin and materiall bout (bought) at the same tyme, are upon a

file together over the ta . . . of the money.‡

[*End of Folio* 182.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 182.]

Bought in August 1642.

Twoe faulcons (bearing a three powne bullett) with two feild carriages (which are at Sir Thomas Honnywood's with shott and powder); sixe murtherers; and fower other facons, tenne saker granadoes, and one little morter peece.

RECORDS OF FREEBURGESSES ADMITTED AT VARIOUS PERIODS.‡

March 2, 1729.

John Newman, of —— in the county of —— was admitted and sworn a Freeburgess of the town aforesaid by right of service.

April 27th, 1730.

Robert Paris, late apprentice of Wm. Baker, admitted and sworn by right of service.

August 3rd, 1730.

Charles Chamberlein Rebow, of Fulham, Esq., was admitted and sworn by right of birth.

At the same time John Hopwood the younger, of Stanway, Esq., by right of birth, was admitted and sworn.

August 17th, 1730.

Robert Hews, of Colchester, cordwainer, admitted and sworn by right of birth.

At the same time John Cutler, of Colchester, cordwainer, was admitted and sworn by right of birth.

November 17th, 1730.

John Lawrence, of Colchester, baymaker, was admitted and sworn by right of service.

‡A word rubbed and illegible. Possibly "taking."

January 25th, 1730.

John Kingsbury, of Colchester, barber, was admitted and sworn by right of birth.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 182.]

[*Folio* 183.]

[Oct. 31, 1728.]

Freeburgesses admitted and sworn before John Blatch, Esq., Mayor, pursuant to an Order made at an Assembly Oct. 31, 1728:—

Dec. 5, 1728.

Palmer Smythies, of Colchester, clerk.

Dec. 9, 1728.

Richd. Bacon, gent., Town clerk.
Thos. Halls, attorney.
Wm. Grubb, farmer.
John Martin, Lexden, blacksmith.
Wm. Wakelin, Colchester, farmer.
Wm. Cole, do., farmer.
Wm. Stebbing, do., gent.
Samuel Lodge, do., painter.
Wm. Whitmore, Lexden, miller.
Bennett Reading, Colchester, schoolmaster.
Thos. Gibson, do., tailor.
Wm. Cooper, do., clockmaker.
Jeremiah Watty, do., gardener.
Uriah Norris, do., soapboiler.
Ezekiel Norris, do., do.
Courtney Norris, do., do.
Stephen Cotton, do., rower.
Wm. Salmon, do., carpenter.
Wm. Lawrence, do., shuttlemaker.
John Tripp, do., gardener.
Simon Baker, do., yeoman.
Lay Lemon, do., weaver.
Robt. Vince, do., gardener.
Henry Page, do., do.
James Plumb, do., rower and beater.
John Revee, do., comber.
John Bland, do., rower and beater.
Wm. Grange, do., farmer.

Thos. Jenkins, do., carrier.
Robt. Osband, do., weaver.
Andrew Murrells, do., gardener.
Joseph Manning, do., tailor.
John Barrington, do., hoyman.
George Cant, do., gardener.
Francis Drew, do., farmer.
Elias Wrench, do., comber.

[*End of Folio* 183.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 183.]

Dec. 16, 1728.

Waller White, Lexden, gent.
Thos. Duffeild, do., tanner.
Wm. Hogg, Colchester, farmer.
Wm. Shepherd, do., merchant.
Charles Shepherd, do., do.

Jan. 20, 1728-9.

Thos. Onyon, do., currier.
John Buffett, do., watchmaker
John May, do., weaver.
John Bruce, do., weaver.
John Paul, do., weaver.
John Sandall, do., yeoman.
Nathaniel Cole, do., gunsmith.
John Cole, do., do.
James Boyden, do., wheelwright.
John Hankin, do., weaver.
John Furnham ("Firmin" has been interpolated in a later writing), do., comber.
Thos. Theobald, do., mariner.
Edward Pickering, do., barber surgeon.

Feb. 24, 1729.

Walter Squire, do., baymaker.
William Green, do., presser.
John Whitmore, West Bergholt, miller.
Daniel Green, Lexden, farmer.
William Green, son of Daniel, do., do.
Daniel Green, junior, do., do,
Mark Draper, of Wittham.*

* In a later handwriting.

James Smith, of——
John Peirson, senior, of Beerchurch, yeoman.
John Peirson, junior, do., do.
William Peirson, do., do.
Thos. Goodall, senior, of Boxted, yeoman.
Thos. Goodall, junior, of Abberton, yeoman.

June 2, 1729.

William Mayhew, of Colchester, attorney.

June 19, 1729.

Sir John Williams, of Stoke, Suffolk, knight.
Richd. Williams, son of Sir John, Esq.
Thos. Paris, Nayland, Suffolk, attorney.
Francis Congreve, of——

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 183.]

[*Folio* 184.]

June 23, 1729.

John Towers, of Colchester, farmer.
William Inman, senior, do., weaver.
Joshua Bruce, do., weaver.
William Woodham, do., do.
Richd. Bruce, do., do.
Thos. Havens, do., do.

July 7, 1729.

John Hunt, Wivenhoe, hoyman.
John Cole, Clacton, farmer.
Jeremiah Warren, Frinton, gent.

July 10, 1729.

Samuel Smith, Wivenhoe, farmer.

July 17, 1729.

Thos. Jackson, Stoke, Suffolk, clerk.
Denzill Sucklin, of the Middle Temple, Esq.
William Abbott, of Stoke.

Wm. James, do.
Robt. Crane, do.
Saml. Fenning, do.
Wm. Baker, do.
Jos. Crisp, do.
Wm. Wright, do.

July 22, 1729.

Nath. Gurdon, of ——, Esqre.
George Prettyman, of ——, Esqre.

July 24, 1729.

Sir Swinnerton Dyer, of Dunmow, Knt.
Martin Carter, Witham, gent.
Nicholas Corsellis, Layer, Esqre.
Wm. Baker, Colchester, weaver.
Wm. Allcock, do., miller.
Wm. Gossard, do., weaver.
Chas. Hoyt, do., baymaker.
Henry Morris, do., gardener.
Thos. Swallow, do., weaver.

[*End of Folio* 184. *Dorse of Folio* 184.]

John Robinson, Wivenhoe, farmer.
John Simpson, Much Clacton, glover.
John Jenkins, Colchester, rower and beater.
Saml. Hedgethorne, of ——.
John Cardy, of Horsley, farmer.
Saml. French, of ——.
John Smith, of Coggeshall, attorney.
John Sewell, do., innkeeper.
Anthony Goude, Chelmsford, stonecutter.
Wm. Creeke, of ——.
John White, of Nayland, clerk.
Edwd. Skerrett, of ——.
Robt. Mayhew, Ford Street, smith.
John Causton, of ——.
John Vernon, of Wivenhoe, Esqre.
Horace Flack, do., surgeon.
John Potter, do., farmer.
Henry Turner, Arlesford, farmer.
Thos. Thorne, Wivenhoe, farmer.
Wm. Inman, Brightlingsea, schoolmaster.
Peter Robinson, Wivenhoe, brewer
Samuel King, do., carpenter.
John Newton, Colchester, attorney.
Wm. Heath, of ——.
William French, of Groten.*

July 25, 1729.

David Comarque, of Colchester, clerk.
John Murrells, do., gardener.
Saml. Sillitoe, of ——.
Thos. Chaplin, of ——.
John Griggs, of ——.
John Bland, of ——.
Wm. Everard, of ——.
Robt. Turner, of ——.
Jonathan Manning, Colchester, weaver.
Stephen Barker, Wivenhoe, bricklayer.

December 15, 1729.

Colonel Richard Onslow.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 184.]

[*Folio* 185.]

Persons admitted Free Burgesses before Jas. Boys, Esq., Mayor.

Nov. 3, 1729.

Sir Wm. Barker, Ipswich, Knight.
Wm. Acton, of Bramford, Esq.
Philip Brooks, of Nacton, Esq.
Philip Baron, junr., of Ipswich, Esq.
Wm. Hall, of Hadleigh.
Michael Beaumont, of Ipswich.
Samuel Hamblin, do.
Wm. Bree, of Marks Tey, clerk.
Wm. Hallum, of Ipswich.
Henry Stephens, of Dedham, collar-maker.
Joseph Norton, of Ipswich.

* Groton, near Hadleigh, Suffolk,

Henry Skinner, junr., do.
Robt. Turner, do.
Thos. Grimwood, do.
Robt. Pearl, do.
Wm. Richmond, of Harwich.
Chas. Lidgold, of Elmstead, clerk.
Hugh Simonds, do.
Wm. Kendall, do.
Wm. Bridgeman, of Combs, Esq.
Wm. Simonds, of Elmstead.
George Brooke, of Halsted, gent.
Thos. Bramston, of Skreen, Esq.
John Higby, of Ford Street.
Henry Corneilson, of Brackstreet Lodge, Esq.
Chas. Gray, of Colchester, Esq.
John Porter, of Great Brackstreet.
John Moore, of Long Melford.
Sir Robert Abdy, of Albins, Bart.
Samuel Hosemanden, of Purleigh, clerk.
Sir Edward Smith, of Hill Hall, Bart.
Edward Smith, of ——, Esq.

[*End of Folio* 185.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 185.]

Richard Price, of Writtle, Esq.
George Brampston, of the Middle Temple, Esq.
John Birch, of Coddingham, clerk.
William Bassett, of Melford.
Abraham Millbank, of Wivenhoe, farmer.
Daniel Burdox, of Coptford, farmer.
John Baker, of Ardley, farmer.
Samuel Savill, of Colchester, gent.

Dec. 5, 1729.

John Guyon, of Colchester.

May 30, 1730.

Richard Turner, of London, gent.

Oct. 15, [1730.]

William Petre, of Newhouse, Esq.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 185.]

[*Folio* 186.]

Jan. 19, 1731.

At an adjournment of Sessions, then held in and for the said town, William Reyner, son of William Reyner, late of Colchester, grocer, was admitted and sworn a free Burgess of the said Burrough, but had no children.

At the same time Philipp Goslin, son of Phillip Goslin, late of Colchester, woolkember, one of the Freeburgesses, etc., was also sworn and admitted a Freeburgess of the said Burrough, and has two children.

[*End of Folio* 186. *Dorse blank.*]

[*Folio* 187 *blank.*]

[*Dorse of Folio* 187.]

Aug. 20, 1698.

Memorandum the day and yeere abovesaid, Edward Bullock, Esq., was pleased to honor this Corporation soe farr as to accept a freedom there, and was accordingly admitted and sworne a Freeburgess thereof, before Ralph Creffeild, junr., Esq., Mayor.

The same day John Bullock, Esq., was pleased to doe the like, and was alsoe admitted and sworne a freeburgess of the said Corporation before the same Mayor.

And at the same time Isaac Hobard, gent., was alsoe admitted and sworne a freeburgess of the said Corporation before the said Mayor.

April 22, 1700.

Joseph Bonnefitt, sonn of Joseph Bonnefitt, was sworn and admitted a freeburgess.

June 22, 1700.

Richd. Hutchinson, sonn of Richd. Hutchinson, ditto.

Jan 3, 1700 (1701).

Thos. Middleton, Esq , sonn of Sir Thos. Middleton, of Essex, was admitted and sworn a freeburgess before John Potter, Esq., Mayor.

Aug. 31, 1702.

Gilbert Low, of Norwich, worsted weaver.

John Furly, sen., son of John Furly, deceased, a freeburgess of this town.

James Furly, and

Joseph Furley, sons of the said John Furly, sen., and grandsons of the said John Furly, deceased, being of the People call'd Quakers, were admitted freeburgesses of this towne of Colchester, upon their severall solemn affirmations, by Mr. Fetherstone, Mayor.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 187.]

[*Folio* 188.]

Nov. 2, 1695.

Mathias Hickeringill, gent., son of Edmund Hickeringill, clerk, sworn and admitted a freeburgess, John Beacon, gent., Mayor.

[*End of Folio* 188.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 188.]

1669.

John Weely, admitted and sworne a freeburgess, Ralph Oldstead, Mayor.

[1692 or 1693].

Jos. Bewers, admitted and sworne a freeburgess, anno 1692 or 1693, Mr. Seabrooke, Mayor.

Nathaniel Legg, admitted and sworne a freeburgess, anno 1692, Mr. Seabrooke, Mayor.

1684.

Wm. Carter, admitted and sworne a freeburgess, Mr. Stilleman, Mayor.

1691 [? 1690].

Samuel Huson, admitted and sworne a freeburgess, Mr. Potter, Mayor.

June 8, 1699.

Robt. Dickman, apprentice to Richd. Daniel, and turned over to John Daniel, junr., admitted and sworn a freeburgess.

James Bennee, sonn of Thos. Bennee, admitted and sworn a freeburgess. Same date.

July 31, 1699.

Walter Coule, sonn of Benedict Coule, admitted and sworn a freeburgess.

Sept. 21, 1699.

Richd. Morfee, son of Robt. Morfee, admitted and sworn a freeburgess.

Jonathan Morfee, another sonn, do.

Wm. Boys, sonn of Richd. Boys, do., do.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 188.]

[*Folio* 189.]

Feb. 25, 1689.

Before John Potter, Mayor.

The right honble. Robert Lord Lucas, Baron of Shenfield, chief governour of the Tower of London, was this day pleased to honour this Corporacon, by promiseing and averring, upon his honour, the observaunce and performance of all and every the things and articles conteined in the oath of a free Burgesse of Colchester, and was accordingly admitted to be one of the free Burgesses of the said towne.

[Signed] LUCAS.

Edward Cary, Esq., High Bayliffe of the liberties of the city of Westminster, was then likewise admitted and sworne a free Burgesse of Colchester aforesaid.

September 27, 1693.

Memorandum. Isaac Self, Esq., was pleased to honor this Corporation soe farr as to be admitted a freeburgess, etc., before John Stilleman, Mayor.

September 27, 1693.

A like entry respecting William Beaw, Esq.

December 24, 1700.

Sir Charles Barrington, Bart., admitted and sworn a freeburgesse before John Potter, Esq., Mayor.

December 26, 1700.

Thos. Walldegrave, Esq., sonn of Thos. Walldegrave, Esq., do.

December 21, 1700.

Leonard Marr, Esq., sonn of John Marr, Esq., do.

[*End of Folio* 189.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 189.]

May 25, 1694.

Before Samuel Mott, gent., Mayor.

The Right Honourable Charles Lord Fitchwalter was this day pleased to honor this Corporation by promiseing upon his honour the performance of all and every the articles and things contained in the oath of a freeburgess of Colchester, and was accordingly admitted one of the freeburgesses of the said town.

[Signed] FITZ-WALTER.

Benjamin Mildmay, Esq., was alsoe at the same time admitted and sworne one of the freeburgesses of the said town.

Like entries respecting Thomas Hammond, and Robert Martin.

At an assembly on February 13, 1694, an order was made for swearing George Lewis a freeburgess on payment of £10 to the Chamberlain for the use of the town, and he was admitted and sworn and paid his fine accordingly.

[An entry erased.]

July 14, 1649.

Edward Pulistone admitted and sworn a freeburgess.

October 10, 1694.

Thomas Lucas "was admitted and sworne a freeburgess of this Corporation, and took the oaths.

4s. for a Buckett."

October 22, 1694.

Richard Studd, grandson of John Studd, sworn a freeburgess.

October 25, 1694.

Jas. Bate, late apprentice to Mr. Allen Garrard, and John Harvey, apprentice to the same, sworn freeburgesses.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 189.]

[*Folio* 190.]

Sir Isaac Rebow was admitted and sworne a freeburgess of the Corporation of Colchester.

Mr. Wm. Mott, jun., ditto.

August 28, 1696.

Daniel Vandewall sonn of John Vandewall.

John Pike, late apprentice to Solomon Fromanteel.

John Tayler, do. to Jacob Johnson.

Wm. Furley, grandsonn of John Furley.

All these fower severall persons being Quakers were admitted free burgesses according to a late act

of Parliament, upon their solemn affirmation made and taken before John Seabrooke, gent., Mayor, and Wm. Mott, Esq., Recorder, Aug. 28, 1696.

December 10, 1696.

Francis Freshfield, grandson of Richard Freshfeild, being a Quaker, was admitted a freeburgess "upon his solemn affirmation."

February 11, 1696 (1697).

John Cheese, son of Mordecai Cheese, being a Quaker, admitted likewise.

June 24, 1697.

Edward Abbot, apprentice to Wm. Havens, admitted and sworne.

October 26, 1697.

Abraham Langley, "being of the persons called Quakers" admitted on his solemn affirmation, before Ralph Creffeild, jun., Esq., Mayor.

September 1, 1698.

Richard Tanner, son of Joseph Tanner, admitted "upon his solemn affirmation as a Quaker."

[*End of Folio* 190.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 190.]

Further admissions as Free Burgesses :—

July 11, 1698.

Ellis Clarke, apprentice to Ellis Clarke.

Thos. Streaton, son of John Streaton.

July 18, 1698.

Thos. Green, son of Thos. Green, gent.

July 19, 1698.

Miles Bull, son of Miles Bull.

Aug. 11, 1698.

"Robert James, makeing it appear on oath in open Court that he was formerly admitted and sworn a freeburgess, but his entry not being to be found, it is ordered that he be now entred as a freeburgess duely sworn, and stande hereby entred accordingly as apprentice to John Kidgell."

Aug. 15, 1698.

John Grimston, late apprentice of John Skingly, Baymaker, and Thos. Burton, jun., late apprentice of Thos. Burton, sen., his father.

March 14, 1733.

Thos. Ruse, son of Brandiston Ruse, sworn before James Boys, Esq., Mayor, "and paid him for a Bucket, 4s., and had no Children."

March 21, 1733.

Stephen White, son of Stephen White, no children; "paid Bucket, 4s. to Mayor."

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 190.]

[*Folio* 191.]

Oct. 4, 1697.

Before Ralph Creffeild, jun., Esq., Mayor.

"This day the Right Honble. the Earle of Manchester, Viscount Mandevile, Baron of Kimbolton, was pleased to honour this Corporacon by promising and averring upon his honour the observance and performance of the oath of a free Burgesse, of the said Towne, and was accordingly admitted a free Burgesse thereof."

[Signed.] MANCHESTER.

Heneage Mountague, Esq., Walter Chetwynd, Esq., and Abraham Stanyan, Esq., were admitted and sworne at the same time.

Jan. 11, 1697(8).

"This day the Honorable Levitenut Colonell Roger Elliot and Sr. Robert Jason were pleased to accept

of their severall freedoms of this Burrough, and were accordingly both admitted and sworne free-burgesses thereof.

Feb. 18, 1697(8).

Isaac Deckar, apprentice to Wm. Haward, deceased ; on affirmation as a Quaker.

Roger Bridg, late apprentice to Myles Bull.

April 21, 1698.

Jos. Ellingford, apprentice to John Sympson, baker.

[*End of Folio* 191.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 191.]

April 22, 1699.

George Tille, apprentice to Robt. Williams.

August 30, 1699.

Wm. Bull, son of Henry Bull.

Peter Landsdale, son of John Landsdale.

Sept. 28, 1699.

Edwd. Jones, apprentice to Benj. Cork.

Oct. 5, 1699.

John Nicholson, apprentice to Robt. Skingly, " before Mr. Wm. Francis, Mayor."

Feb. 8, 1699 (1700).

Geo. Rich, son of Alexander Rich.

March 7, 1699 (1700).

Jacob. Stubbing, apprentice to Robt. Mead.

John Smee, apprentice to Thos. Walker.

Nov. 24, 1702.

Jas Morden, son of Jas. Morden.

Sept. 24, 1703.

John Vicars, of Colchester, tailor, " paying a fine of £5."

Robt. Smith, tailor, do., do.

Jas. Chignall, do., joiner, do., do.

John Coleer, do., yeoman, do., £6.

Christopher Johnson, do., tailor, £6.

Jacob Valander, jun., Baymaker ; fine £5.

Tobias Folyard, jun., Baymaker ; fine £5.

Daniel Ellinford, " Papper " ; fine £5.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 191.]

[*Folio* 192.]

September 25, 1703.

William Stogoe, born in Scotland, glover, £10.

Stephen Andrews, born in Exeter, £8.

John Walton, tailor, born in Carregan, Cumberland, £5.

William Freman, son of William Freman, baker, " the present Chamberlain."

John Bacon, weaver, born at Creeting, Suffolk, £5.

Simon Valander, jun., baymaker, son of Jacob, £5.

Abel Page, born at Lindsy, Suffolk, worsted-weaver, and John Sayer, born in Colchester, baymaker, Quakers, £8 each.

Abraham Mills, blacksmith, born at Manytree (Manningtree), £8.

September 27, 1703.

Thomas Waters, cordwainer, son of Thomas Waters, of St. Leonard's parish, £6.

Joshua King, weaver, born at Ay (Eye), in Suffolk, £6.

William Sommers, born in St. Giles's parish, £8.

Richard Purcas, combmaker, born in All Saints parish, £6.

" By Birth." Francis Freshfield, son of Francis, and grandson of

Richard Freshfield.

John Heveningham, baymaker, born at Colchester, £6.

Wm. Sympson, baymaker, born at Colchester, £6.

Peter Langley, baymaker, born at Colchester, £6.

[The last four were Quakers.]

Wm. Rayner, baymaker, born at Feering, £6.

John Martin, baymaker, born at Soham, Cambs., £6.

Stephen Howell, cordwainer, born at Stanton, Suffolk, £6.

[*End of Folio* 192.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 192.]

Jacob Jarrold, baymaker, born at Polsted, £6.

John Newton, merchant tailor, born at Colchester, £11 10s.

William Purcas, blacksmith, born at Layer-de-la-Hay, £6 10s.

David Kinneir, clerk.

Jas. Lawrence, bricklayer.

Thomas Glascock, gent., "the present Town-Clerk."

Sept. 28, [1703.]

Cornelius Reyner, saymaker, born at Lavenham, £6.

John Blacksell, saymaker, born at Balam, Suffolk, £6.

John Andrews, jun., blacksmith, born at Colchester, £6.

Jos. Nutman, rower, born at Otton Belcham, £6.

John Green, weaver, born at Marks Tey, £6.

John Hawkins, cordwainer, born at Coggeshall, £7.

Robert Hews, sen., saymaker, born at Castle Hedingham, £6.

John Laurence, brickmaker, born at Earls Colne, £6.

John Rutland, born at Dedham, carpenter, £5.

Peter Pella, of Colchester, wool comber, £6.

October 20, 1703.

Wm. Bately, late apprentice of Francis Sparrow, sworne before Mr. Samuel Angier, Mayor.

Nov. 18, 1703.

Thomas Blakes, late apprentice of John Shaw, Esq.

Dec. 13, 1733.

Daniel Newton, son of John Newton, of Colchester, merchant tailor, and Wm. Newton, son of the same, sworn before Jas. Boys, Esq., Mayor "and paid to the Mayor for two Bucketts, 7s."

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 192.]

[*Folio* 193.]

Aug. 14, 1704.

John Mortimer, of Hatfield Peverell, Esq.

Jan. 21, 1733.

Charles Saunders, son of Charles Saunders, of Colchester; "and paid 4 shillings for a Bucket, to Mayor."

[*End of Folio* 193.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 193.]

August 30, 1710.

Edward Hutchinson, of London, Esq., entry signed by "T. Glascock, Town Clerk."

[*The following entries are in Latin*]:—

Sept. 23, 1723.

Martin Carter, gent., admitted an Attorney of the Court of the Borough of Colchester, before Edmund Raynham, Esq., Mayor.

Sept. 27, 1723.

Henry Bevan, of Lexden, carpenter, was admitted and sworn "Inspector Terrarum, *anglice* one of the Landlookers" of the Borough, in place of Jas. Deane, deceased.

Dec. 15, 1724.

Jos. Starr, apprentice of Geo. Brasier, of London, citizen and salter, was admitted and sworn one of the free burgesses, and had no children.

July 25, 1726.

Wm. Daniell, gent., was admitted and sworn an Attorney of the Court of the Borough of Colchester, before Jeremiah Daniell, Esq., Mayor.

Aug. 8, 1726.

Edwd. Shearcroft, son of John Shearcroft, admitted and sworn a free burgess, and had no children.

Oct. 27, 1726.

Joseph Burnham, apprentice of George Wegg, of Colchester, merchant tailor, admitted and affirmed according to the statute, as a free burgess ; and had no children.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 193.]

LORD COWPER SWORN AS RECORDER OF COLCHESTER, 1715. †

[*Folio* 194. *Latin.*]

April 23, 1715.

George Clarke, Esq., Mayor.

The Right Honourable William, Lord Cowper, Baron of Wingham, Lord Chancellor of Great Britain, elected to the office of Recorder of Colchester, was sworn into that office before George Clarke, Esq., Mayor, Sir Isaac Rebow, Steward, and one of the Aldermen and one of the Burgesses for the Borough in Parliament, and before Richard Du Cane, Esq., another Burgess in Parliament, and before Robert Price, Esq., and James Lawrence and Peter Johnson, Esquires, two of the Aldermen of the Borough, in presence of Thomas Streaton, Chamberlain, and Edmund Raynham, gent., and Geoffrey Colman, and Robert William, two of the Sergeants at Mace of the Borough ; and thereon the said Lord Cowper, before the same persons, nominated and appointed the aforesaid Robert Price, Esq., to be his Deputy to exercise the office of Recorder in his absence, and during the good pleasure of the said Lord Cowper, and asks that the said Robert Price may be admitted and sworn according to the Borough Charters, and this is conceded.

ROBERT PRICE, DEPUTY RECORDER. †

April 29, 1715.

Which same Robert Price now attended and was sworn in the office of Deputy Recorder of the Borough before George Clarke, Esq., Mayor, and the greater part of the Aldermen, viz, :—Nathaniel Lawrence, Esq., Sir Isaac Rebow, John Raynham, James Lawrence, Peter Johnson, and Robert Merry, Esquires, in the Moot Hall, and at the same time they took the several oaths called in English "The Oathe of Allegiance and Supremacy" and "The Oathe of Abjuration."

[Signed.] COWPER.

ENTRIES OF ADMISSION OF FREE-BURGESSES AND ATTORNEYS OF THE COURT. †

[*Latin.*]

9th May, 1718.

28 admiss. singl.; 127 admiss. dble.

16th October, 1727.

George Wegg, gent., was admitted and sworn in due manner an attorney of the Court of Record of the

Borough of Colchester before Nathaniel Lawrence, gent., Deputy Mayor of Ralph Creffeild, Knight, Mayor of the Borough.

On the same day

William Mayhew, gent., admitted in like manner.

24th January, 1731.

John Turner, gent., was admitted in like manner before John Blatch, Esq., Mayor.

[*End of Folio* 194.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 194. *English.*]

THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.†

I A. B. do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithfull and Bear True allegiance to his Majesty King George. So help me God.

THE OATH OF SUPREMACY.†

I A. B. do swear that I do from my Heart Abhor, detest. and Abjure as Impious and Heretical that Damnable Doctrine and position that Princes Excommunicated or Deprived by the Pope or any authority of the See of Rome, may be Deposed or Murdered by their subjects or any other whatsoever. And I do Declare that no Forreigne Prince, Person, Prelate, State, or Potentate hath or ought to have any Jurisdiccon, Power, Superiority, Preeminence, or Authority Ecclesiasticall or Spiritual within this Realm. So help me God.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 194.]

THE OATH OF ABJURATION.†

[*Folio* 195.]

I A. B. do truly and sincerely acknowledge, profess, testify, and declare in my conscience, before God and the world, that our Sovereign Lord King George is lawfull and rightfull King of these Realms and all other his Majesties dominions and countrys thereto belonging, and I do solemnly and sincerely declare that I do believe in my conscience that the person pretended to be the Prince of Wales during the life of the late King James, and since his decease pretending to be and taking upon himself the style and title of King of England, by the name of James the third, or of Scotland by the name of James the eighth, or the style and title of King of Great Britaine, hath not any right or title whatsoever to the crown of this realm, or any other dominions thereunto belonging; and I do renounce, refuse, and abjure any allegiance or obedience to him; and I do swear that I will bear faith and true allegiance to his Majesty King George, and him will defend to the utmost of my power against all Traiterous conspiracies and attempts whatsoever, which shall be made against his person, crown, or dignity; and I will do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make knowne to his Majesty and his successors all treasons and traiterous conspiracies which I shall know to be against him or any of them; and I do faithfully promise to the utmost of my power, to support, maintaine, and defend the succession of the crown against him, the said James, and all other persons whatsoever, which succession, by an Act, Intituled an Act for the limitation of the crown and better securing the rights and liberties of the subjects, is and stands limited to Princess Sophia, late Electoress and Dutchess Dowager of Hanover, and to the heirs of her body being Protestants; and all these things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge and swear, according to this express by me spoken, and according to the plaine and common sense and understanding of the same words, without any equivocation, mentall Evasion, or Secrett reservation whatsoever; and I do make this recognition, acknowledgment, abjuration, renunciation, and promise, heartily, willingly, and truly, upon the true faith of a Christian. So help me God.

[*End of Folio* 194.]

THE TOWN CLERK'S OATH.

[*Dorse of Folio* 195.]

You shall swear that you will well and truly serve the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of this town in the office of Town Clerk of this

town and borough of Colchester, and truly to see all plaints, actions, process, and matters in the courts to be holden before Mr. Mayor, the Aldermen, and burgesses of this town, by you or your deputy, according to the customs and liberties of this town, to be entered and recorded as they ought to be, after the best of your cunning, wit, or power, taking for the same only your due Fees, and no more; and the perquisites, issues, profits, and amerciaments of the same courts you shall justly and truly write and extract yearly for the levying and gathering thereof; and you shall truly and diligently do and accomplish all other things appertaining to your said office, after the best of your knowledge as near as God shall give you grace. So help you God.

THE CORONER'S OATH.

You shall swear that you well and truly shall serve our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, and his liege people in the office of a Coroner, and as one of his Majesty's Coroners of this town, and the liberties thereof, and therein you shall diligently do and accomplish all and everything and things appertaining to your office after the best of your cunning, wit, or power, both for the King's profit and the good of the inhabitants within this town and the liberties thereof, taking such fees as you ought to take, by the laws and statutes of this realm, and not otherwise. So help you God.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 195].

THE MAYOR'S OATH.

[*Folio* 196].

You shall swear to serve our Sovereign Lord King George in the office of Mayor of this town, and all judgments of pleas which before you shall happen to be determined from day to day, you well and faithfully shall consider and judge, sparing none for love, favour, hatred, gift, or promise, but that reason and right be done unto everyone. The writs and mandates, as well for our Sovereigne Lord the King, as for the suite of the party, unto you sent, you shall return according to that that you shall see fitt and just, in your discretion and counsell: You shall not be judge and party with any person, and you shall be diligent to do all those things which to a Mayor of this towne doe belong at the days and places as need shall require; and all just profitts of the towne aforesaid, and which shall be due to the commonalty of the towne of right or custome, by the Common Clerke of the Towne you shall make to be inrolled, no parcell thereof taking to yourselfe, concealing, or detaining; and that you shall cause the Auditors of the account to hear and determine the account according to the ordinance therefore made. The constitutions and ordinances, customes and libertyes of the towne aforesaid you shall faithfully maintaine and sustaine. You shall abstaine from the selling of Victualls by retaile by you or your deputyes during the terme of your office, as is ordained by the statute; but as to the sale of victualls and sight of measures, you shall dully see and order; the publick peace within the towne aforesaid to your utmost power you shall keep and make to be kept. So help you God.

[*End of Folio* 196].

THE OATH OF A JUSTICE OF PEACE.

[*Dorse of Folio* 196].

You shall swear that as a Justice of the Peace of this Town and theLibertys thereof, you shall do equall right to the poor and to rich, after your Cunning, Witt, and power, and after the Laws and customs of this realm and statutes thereof made; and you shall not be of Counsell of any Quarrell hanging before you; and that you hold your Sessions after the form of the statutes thereof made. You shall not lett, for gift or other cause, but well and truly do your office of Justice of the Peace in that behalf; and that you take nothing for your office of Justice of the Peace to be done

but the ordinary Fees accustomed and Costs limitted by the statutes; and you shall not direct nor choose to be directed any Warrant by you made to the Partys, but you shall direct them to the High Constables, Petty Constables, or other public officers or Ministers, or other indifferent persons within this town or the Libertys thereof, to execute the same.—So help you God.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 196.]

THE OATH OF THE HEADMEN FOR THE ELECTION OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE, CORONERS, CLAVIERS, AND OF CHAMBERLAIN OF THE TOWN OF COLCHESTER.

[*Folio* 197.]

You four being nominated and chosen to be the Headmen for the four several wards within this town shall swear that you and everyone of you shall out of every ward for which you are chosen Headmen, elect and nominate two of the Assistants or Council of this town and three other freeburgesses, to be with you of the election for the choosing of the Justices of the Peace, Coroners, Claviers, and a Chamberlain, to serve this borough in the offices aforesaid. And after the said Assistants, or Councillors, and Freeburgesses, so by you elected and chosen, shall be sworn, you four, together with them (being of the number of twenty and four persons) shall proceed to the electing and choosing of two Justices of the Peace, two Coroners, four Claviers, and one Chamberlain, to serve this Borough in the offices and places aforesaid, respectively, for the year now next following. You shall elect and choose the wisest, discreetest, ablest, fittingest, and profitablest Men for the places and offices aforesaid, laying aside all by Respect whatsoever, Envy, Hatred, and Malice, and not regarding love, favour, affection, gift, reward, or corruption, you shall freely, faithfully, and conscionably preside in the election aforesaid, according to the best of your skills, wisdoms, and discretions.—So help you God.

THE OATH OF THOSE AT THE ELECTION WHO ARE SWORNE NEXT THE HEADMEN.

You ——, together with the four Headmen (formerly sworne) and so many other Freeburgesses of this town as with the said Headmen and yourselves shall be of the number of four and twenty persons, shall proceed to the electing and choosing (as aforesaid).

THE OATH OF THE REST OF THE ELECTION.

The like oath, and the same oath, which A.B. and others before you have taken to observe and keep on their parts, you and everyone of you shall well and truly, faithfuliy, and conscionably, on your parts, observe, perform, and keep.—So help you God.

[*End of Folio* 197.]

THE CHAMBERLAINES OATH.

[*Dorse of Folio* 197.]

You shall swear that you will well and faithfully deliver all the Estreats of the rules of all the courts and hundreds of Colchester, which you shall receive, by the hands of the Common Clerk of this Towne, unto the Serjeants of this Town, by the view and Assent of the Mayor of this Towne from time to time, and a faithfull account of the same you shall receive, and to the Mayor and Aldermen of the said Towne a faithfull account shall render of all the profitts of the said Town, at the days which are ordained for the same. And no money thereof, without the consent and allowance of the eleaven Aldermen, or six or five of them with the Mayor, you shall deliver. And you shall finish and end your account before the 3rd day of January after the end of your year, according to the Constitution in that behalf made or to be made.—So help you God.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 197].

THE SERJEANTS OATH.

You and every one of you shall swear that you well and truly shall serve the Mayor, Aldermen and burgesses of this town, in the office of a Sergeantshipp, and as Serjeant of this Towne, for and during the space of one whole year now next comeing, and shall well, truly and faithfully serve, do and execute all and all manner of precepts, actions, warrants, and commandments to you and every of you to be lawfully given or directed, touching or concerning any matter, causes, or process, to be moved at or in the King's Majesty's Courts, to be holden in this towne, according to the libertys thereof ; and shall make due Retorne answers thereto, and makes (sic) certificates thereof, according to the effect of such precepts, accons, warrants and commandments, taking therefor your ordinary fees and no other ; and also that you shall diligently give attendance unto Mr. Mayor and wait upon him, as hath been accustomed, and as you ought to do, and his commandments truly to do and see, and not alter the same so that it may be prejudicial to the said Master Mayor or any other ; and likewise you shall give attendance, and be aiding and assisting unto the Constables of this Town in anything that they or any of them shall reasonably command you. And you shall diligently and truly do appertaining to your said office to the utmost of your power.—So help you God.

[*End of Folio* 198].

A FREE BURGESS OATH.

[*Dorse of Folio* 198.]

You shall bear faith and truth to our Sovereign Lord King, his heirs and lawful successors, and all earthly worship, and namely for the amendment of the Borrough of Colchester ; so that no evil nor Greivance you shall do to the Burrough of Colchester by yourself nor by any of yours, nor see to be done by any other person, but you shall lett it to your power, to the Mayor and Aldermen of the said Borough thereof warn or cause to be warned. You shall be obedient at all times to the Mayor of this Borough, and to his ministers for the time being in all lawfull commandments ; you shall be helping and not disturbing to all the goods, chattles, and profitts in time coming to the same Borrough and of right appertaining, coming, and befalling to be raised and to be kept to the behoofe, use, and proffitt of the said Borough, with all thy wisdom and power ; and the counsell of the Mayor and Commonalty of this Town well and truly you shall keep and hold ; and you shall be ready to help, with all your power, goods, and chattells at all times, in which you shall be required and assessed, in all manner of reasonable aids, charges, and helps to the said Borough befalling or needfull (whatsoever it be) ; and if any toll, custom, goods, chattles, or any other proffitts to the same Burough belonging shall, by any manner of person, be led or born away unpaid, the same person or persons well and truly you shall lett, and take them, or cause them to be taken, and the same to the Chamberlain of the aforesaid Burough (for the time being) you shall deliver them, or cause them to be delivered ; and that under colour of your freedom you shall not maintain nor sustain no‡ manner of goods or merchandizes of any manner of forreign person, deceiveably to put away the rightfull customs and proffitts of such forreign goods and merchandizes to the same Borrough belonging ; and all manner of good constitutions, ordinances, usages, and franchises, as well of now as of old constituted or ordained and to be ordained in the said Borough, upon your might you shall keep, sustain, and maintain.—So help you God.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 198.]

‡ The word "any" is written over the word "no" in a later handwriting.

FURTHER RECORDS OF ADMISSION OF FREEBURGESSES AND ATTORNEYS OF THE COURT.†

[*Folio* 199. *Latin.*]

May 30, 1729.

Jas. Smyth, Esq., admitted a Free Burgess before John Blatch, Esq., Mayor; also John Peirson, senr., and John Peirson, junr., also Thos. Goodall, senr., and Thos. Goodall, junr.; also Wm. Peirson. [A note is appended as follows :—" All these are entred before and entred here by mistake. R.B."]

June 2, 1729.

W. Mayhew, one of the attorneys, admitted and sworn, &c.

June 30, 1729.

Free Burgesses admitted :—

Thos. Keeble, apprentice of Joseph Dunningham.

July 10.

Samuel Smith.

July 17.

Thos. Jackson, of Stoak, Denzill Suckling, of Mid-Tein, William Abbott, of Stoak, William James, do., Robert Crane, do., Samuel Fenning, do., Wm. Baker, do., Joseph Crisp, do.; Wm. Wright, of Nayland.

July 22.

Nathaniel Gurdon, Esq., George Prettyman, Esq.

July 25.

David Comarque, John Morrells, Samuel Sillitoe, Thos. Chaplin, John Griggs, John Bland, Wm. Everard, Robt. Turner, Jonathan Manning, Stephen Barker, Wm. Kidley, junr.

[The entries of July 10, 17, 22 and 25 are bracketed together, and a marginal note appended :—" These are all entred before.—R.B."]

[*End of Folio* 199.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 199.]

A FREE BURGESSES OATH.

You shall bear faith and truth to our Sovereigne Lord the King, his heires and lawfull successors, and all earthly worship, and namely for the amendment of the Borough of Colchester, so that no evil [nor*] greivance you shall doe to the Borough of Colchester by yourself nor by any of yours, nor see to be done by any other person, but [you*] shall lett it to your power, to the Mayor and Aldermen [of the said Borough*] thereof warne or cause to be warned. You shall be obedient at all times*] to the Mayor of this Borough and to his ministers for the time being in all rightfull commandments. You shall be helping and not disturbing to all goods, chattles, and profitts in time coming to the same Borough, and of right appertaining, coming, and befalling, to be raised and to be kept to the behoofe, use, and profitts of the said Borough with all thy wisdom and power; and the counsell of the Mayor and commonalty of this towne [well and truly*] you shall keep and hold; and you shall be ready to help, and with all your power, wisdome, goods, and chattles, at all times in which you shall be required and assessed, in all manner of reasonable aids, charges, and helps to the said Borough befalling or needfull whatsoever it be. And if any toll, custome, goods, chattles, or any other profitts, to the same Borough belonging, shall by any manner of person be led or born away unpaid, the same person or persons well and truly you shall lett, and take them or cause them to be taken, and the same to the Chamberlaine of the [a]foresaid borough (for the time being) you shall deliver them, or cause them to be delivered; and that under colour of your freedome you shall not maintain nor sustain no manner of goods or merchandizes of any [manner of *] forreign person, deceiveably to putt away the rightfull customes and profitts of such forreigne goods and merchandizes to the

*Interpolated.

same Borough belonging. And all manner of good constitutions, ordinances, usages, and franchises, as well of now as of old constituted and ordained, and to be ordained, in the said Borough, upon your might you shall keep, sustaine [and maintain*]—so help you God.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 199.]

FURTHER RECORDS OF ADMISSION OF FREE BURGESSES.†

[*Folio* 200. *Latin.*]

January 18, 1726.

Joseph Lawrence, son of James Lawrence, bricklayer; no children.

January 26, 1726.

Samuel Daniel, son of Samuel Daniel, of Colchester, linendraper; no children.

February 20, 1726.

Thomas Cole, apprentice of John Walker, of Colchester, tailor; no children. Thomas Lord, of Colchester, apprentice of Francis Ardley, of Colchester, malster. Henry Cross, apprentice of Robert Chignall, of Colchester, merchant.

March 25, 1727.

John Archer, miller, apprentice of John Melbank, of Colchester, miller; no children.

April 3, 1727.

John Rogers, apprentice of Richd. Du Cane, Esq., of London, merchant, no children.

June 15, 1727.

James Goodwin, junr., son of James Goodwin, senr., of Colchester, rower and beater.

June 22, 1727.

Cornelius Brooker and James Brooker, sons of James Brooker, gent.

[*End of Folio* 200.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 200.]

June 22, 1727.

Henry Smith, son of Wm. Smith, sen.; Edmund Morden, son of Edmund Morden, jun.; Isaac Wyatt, son of Joseph Wyatt.

June 26, 1727.

Abraham Hutchinson, apprentice to Benjn. Cock, of Colchester, brewer; John Moore, son of Wm. Moore, deceased, late of Colchester.

August 27, 1727.

John Godfrey, apprentice of John Lawrence, of Colchester, bricklayer.

May 20, 1728.

John Jennings, apprentice of John Wayland, of Colchester, baker.

July 1, 1728.

Gamaliel Carr, son of Gamaliel Carr, late of Rochford, Essex, gent., apprentice of Henry Bevan, of Lexden, carpenter.

Sept. 15, 1729.

Colonel Richd. Onslow (entred before).

May 30, 1730.

Richd. Turner, gent., of London (entred before).

Oct. 15, 1730.

Wm. Peters, Esq., of New House, Writtle (entred before).

Jan. 25, 1733.

John Kingsbury, of Colchester, barber, by birth (entred before).

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 200.]

[*Folio* 201.]

June 28, 1731.

John Ireland, son of John Ireland,

*Interpolated.

of Colchester, weaver, no children, 10s. 4d.

Oct. 18, 1731.

Simon Verlander, of Colchester, joiner, son of Simon Verlander, of Colchester, baymaker, no children, 10s. 4d.; Wm. Watson, of Colchester, soldier, son of Thos. Watson, of Colchester, weaver, 10s. 4d.

Oct. 25, 1731.

Jas. Bryner, of Colchester, mariner, apprentice of Hy. Walker, deceased, no children, 10s. 4d.

Dec. 6, 1731.

Jas. Collins, butcher, son of Joseph Collins, of Colchester, weaver, deceased, by right of service, no children, 13s. 4d.

February 17, 1731.

Thos. Gonner, of Colchester, chairmaker, apprentice of John Agnis, no children.

March 16, 1731.

Wm. Everitt, of London, late apprentice of Thos. Hurrell, of Colchester, weaver, by right of service, no children, 10s. 4d.

March 20, 1731.

Jas. Bowler, of Colchester, rower, son of Jas. Bowler, of Colchester, cordwainer, by right of service, no children, 10s. 4d.

May 11, 1732.

Jonathan Furley, son of Benjn. Furley, admitted on affirmation by right of birth; Thos. Burton, son of Thos. Burton, by right of birth; John Selley, son of John Selley, by right of birth; Israel Rant, by right of servitude.

[*End of Folio* 201.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 201.]

May 3, 1733.

Peter Creswell, of Colchester, weaver, no children.

October 15, 1733.

Samuel Winnock, of Colchester, weaver, by right of birth. No children.

THE OATHS OF THE ASSISTANTS AND COMMON COUNCIL.

You, so often as you shall be required and warned by the Mayor or by any Sergeant of the Town, to come, order, and counsel for the Business of the Town, duly you shall come unless you shall have some reasonable impediment: And you shall be helping and counselling for the profit of the Town of Colchester so often as need shall require, and the Secrets of the Mayor, Aldermen, and your Fellow Counsellors of the Town aforesaid well and faithfully you shall conceal and keep: And if anything shall come to your knowledge whereby any prejudice to the said Town may by any means happen to grow or be, you the same to the knowledge of the Mayor for the time being shall bring and reveal: And all the Precepts and Commandments of the Mayor of this Town, lawful and honest, duly you shall obey: And you shall not be of counsel nor of any yearly fee with any Mannor within the precinct of the Liberties of the Town aforesaid.—So help you God.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 201.]

[*Folio* 202.]

THE OATH OF THE HEADMEN OF THE ELECTION FOR SERJEANTS.

You four, being chosen Headmen for the four several Wards within this Town, shall for every Ward for which ye are chosen Headmen elect and chuse two of the Assistants or Council of this Borough, to be with you of the election to elect and chuse four Freeburgesses to serve this Borough for Serjeants at the Mace. And after the said Assistants, Coun-

sellors, and Freeburgesses so by you respectively chosen, you four together with them, being of the number of four-and-twenty Persons, shall proceed to the electing and choosing of four Freeburgesses to serve the Town in the Offices and Places of Serjeants at the Mace for the year now next following. You shall chuse the wisest, fittingest, and profitablest men for the offices and places aforesaid, laying aside all bye Respects whatsoever, Envy, Hatred, and Malice, and not regarding Love, Favour, Affection, Gift, Reward or Corruption; You shall freely, faithfully and respectively proceed in the election aforesaid according to the best of your Skills, Judgments and Discretions; discharging this your Oath conscionably.—So help you God.

THE OATH OF THOSE OF THE ELECTION WHO ARE SWORN NEXT THE HEADMEN.

You . . . together with the four Headmen formerly sworn, and so many other Freeburgesses as with the said Headmen and yourselves shall be of the number of four-and-twenty Persons, shall proceed to the electing and choosing of ☞ (as abovesaid).

THE OATH OF THE REST OF THE ELECTION.

The like Oath and the same Oath which A. B. and others before you have taken, on their parts, to keep and perform, you, and every one of you, on your parts, shall well, truly, faithfully, conscionably, and respectively keep and perform.—So help you God.

[*End of Folio* 202.]

THE OATH OF THE RECORDER.

[*Dorse of Folio* 202.]

You shall swear that you will well and truly serve the King's Majesty and the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of this Town in the office of Recorder, and as the Recorder of this Town you shall be faithful and just and give good advice and counsel unto the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of this Town, for and concerning any matter or cause that shall concern or touch the franchises, liberties and good orders of this Town, whensoever they shall require or desire you so to do. You shall not utter or disclose any of their secrets or counsel touching the fellowship or corporation of this Town, whereby any prejudice, loss, or hindrance or slander shall or may arise, grow, or be to the same Corporation. And further you shall do, to your power, wit, and cunning, all and everything that shall appertain to your office for the most benefit, worship, and credit of this Town and of the inhabitants thereof.—So help you God.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 202.]

[*Folio* 203.]

FURTHER RECORDS OF ADMISSIONS OF FREE BURGESSES.

June the 26th, 1691.

This day his Excellency Piercy Kirk, Lieutenant General of their Majesties' Forces, honoured this Burrough to acknowledge himself a Free Burgess thereof.

[Signed] P. KIRKE.

December 15, 1716 [*Latin.*]

The Right Hon. Hugh Boscawen, Esq., "Inspector Familie" to King George, was admitted and sworn a Free Burgess before Sir Isaac Rebow Knight, Mayor.

[Signed] EDMUND RAYNHAM, Town Clerk.

June 10, 1718.

Richard DuCane, Esq., was admitted and sworn a Free Burgess before Thos. Grigson, Esq., Mayor, according to the ordinance issued and provided on the 23rd August, 1715.

[Signed.] EDMUND RAYNHAM, Town Clerk.

[*End of Folio* 203.]

OATH OF THE LEATHER SEALERS, ETC.

[*Dorse of Folio* 203.] [*Folio* 204, *blank.*]

You shall faithfully and without partiality

execute the office of Leather Sealers* within this Borough for the year next ensuing, and until another shall be appointed and sworn in your room, and you shall do and perform all things appertaining to the said office, according to the best of your knowledge and judgment, without favour or affection, prejudice or malice.—So help you God.

THE OATH OF TREASURERS OF THE SEVERAL WARDS.

You shall well and truly execute the office of Treasurer of the Commons of the ——— Ward, within the town for the year ensuing without partiality to any person or persons whatever ; and you shall render a true and just account in writing, subscribed by you, to the Mayor of this Town, of all moneys and other things which shall be received by you, and of all matters touching the same office, when thereto required.—So help you God.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 203.]

FURTHER RECORDS OF ADMISSION OF FREE BURGESSES.†

[*Dorse of Folio* 204.—*Latin.*]

Richard Flack, apprentice of John Lufkinn, apothecary (pharmacopol), of Colchester.

August 26, 1721.

Abraham Dehorne, cheesemonger, of London, son of George Dehorne, tailor, late of Colchester, on affirmation, no children, before Jeremiah Daniell, Esq., Mayor.

September 24, 1722.

Jasper Waters, son of Jasper Waters, vintner, of Colchester. He has four children, all born after the admission of his father, Jasper Waters, deceased.

Jasper Waters, son of the aforesaid Jasper, no children.

August 2, 1726.

Jacob Hollyard, apprentice of Abraham Brown, baymaker, no children.

James Robjent, apprentice of Timothy Shorey, baymaker, of Colchester, no children

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 204.]

[*Folio* 205.—*English.*]

Aprill the 27th, 1702, and in the first year of the Reign of Queen Anne.

Then John Lord Cutts, Major Generall of her Majesties Forces, honoured the Burrough of Colchester to acknowledge himself a Free Burgesse thereof.

July 2, 1702.

Then Sir John Marshall, Knight, was sworn one of the Free Burgesses of the Burrough of Colchester, aforesaid, Samuel Fetherston, gent., Mayor there.

February 6, 1704.

Then Richard Everett, Esq., son of Sir Hugh Everet, Baronett, was admitted and sworn a Free Burgesse of the Borough aforesaid, before Nathaniel Lawrence, junr., Esq., Mayor there.

May 4, 1719,

Wm. Lockey, Esq., High Sheriffe of the County of Essex ; Edward Luthor, Esq., Francis Gardiner, Esq., and Champion Branfill, Gent., were severally admitted and sworn Freeburgesses of the Borough of Colchester, before Robert Clarke, Esq., Mayor.

Sir Nathaniel Mead, Knt. and Serjeant at Law, was also the same day sworn and admitted a Free Burgess of the said Borough before the said Robert Clarke, Esq., Mayor.

[*End of Folio* 205.]

*[Marginal Note]—Landlookers, Wardens of the Butchers, Wardens of the Bakers.

[*Dorse of Folio* 205.]

[The entries on this page and those of Sept. 25, 1701, on Folio 206, are in each case signed "T. Glascock, Towne Clerk." In most cases the entries are hereafter summarised, the names only being given].

Free Burgesses admitted :—

July 18, 1702.

Sir Jonathan Andrews, Knt., John Deboys, Esq.

March 15, 1704.

Wm. Mott, grandson of Wm. Mott, Esq., Recorder of Colchester.

[*Folio* 206.]

September 25, 1701.

Wm. Fytche, Esq., Daniel Horsmanden, clerk.

December 30, 1701.

Samuel Aldus, son of Henry Aldus; Henry Aldus, do.

January 7, 1701.

John Swaddell, merchant of Newcastle.

January 19, 1701.

David Vandewall, jun., linendraper of London, on affirmation, in right of his grandfather, John Vandewall.

February 12, 1701.

John Beale, "his grandfather and father were Free Burgesses."

[*End of Folio* 206. *Dorse Blank.*

[*Folio* 207.]

October 19, 1695.

Sir John Morden, Knight and Baronet; John Bennett, Esq.

October 23, 1695.

John Hopwood, gent., John Henley, gent., John Wigganer, gent., W. C. Evans, gent., Sir Joseph Brand, knight, and Thos. Brand, Esq.

April 6, 1703.

Sir John Shaw, Knight and Baronet of Eltham, Kent, before Ralph Creffeild, Esq., Mayor

Jan 27, 1703.

Thomas Weeley, Esq., of Weeley Hall; Lemming Rebow, Esq., son of Sir Isaac Rebow, Knight, "one of the Burgesses in Parliament for this Borough," before Samuel Angier, Mayor.

[*End of Folio* 207. *Continuation on Dorse.*]

Nov. 15, 1694.

Sir Thomas Cooke, Knight, Sir John Fleet, Sir Rowland Answorth.

October 21, 1700.

Sir Henry Johnson, Knight and Baronet, before John Potter, Esq., Mayor.

Sept. 28, 1695.

"At the request of the majority of the Aldermen and some members of this Corporacon, Mr. John Ramm was admitted and sworn a Free Burgess of the said Corporacon upon payment of a fine of fifteen pounds into the hands of the present Chamberlain for the uses of the said town."

Charles Great, son of Samuel Great, and Francis Lambert, son of Francis Lambert.

May 6, 1698.

Thomas Thurston, "Batchelor in Physick," son of Jeseph Thurston, gent.

Sept. 20, 1698.

Michael Tayspill, jun., before Ralph Creffeild, junr., Esqr., Mayor.

May 11, 1699.

John Galloway, son of Thos. Galloway; Thos. Galloway, son of the said John Galloway; John Taller, apprentice of John Gooday.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 207.]

[*Folio* 208.]

November 2, 1692.

Thomas Haynes, son of Hezekiah Haynes, Esq.

"At an Assembly of the Mayor, Aldermen, Assistants and Common Counsell of the said Burrough, the 13th February inst., an Order being made for the admitting and swearing George Lewis, a Free Burgess of the said Corporation for a Free Burgess of the said Corpor."

October, 1695.

Thos. Martin, son of Thos. Martin.

Aug. 10, 1697.

Henry Walker. son of Wm. Walker, "paid the fees."

Aug. 20, 1697.

John Richmond, apprentice to Thomas Pryer; Cornelius Bogard, apprentice to the same.

Jan. 19, 1697.

Benjamin Cross, apprentice to John Wigg, before Ralph Creffeild, jun., Esq., Mayor.

Jan. 20, 1697,

John Peeke, son of John Peeke, "formerly Mayor of this town."

Feb. 17, 1697.

Philip Gray, apprentice to Samuel Gooday.

April 26, 1698.

Wm. Maynard, son of John Maynard.

[*End of Folio* 208.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 208.]

"March 15 anno regni Jacobi secundi quarto, anno. dom. 1687, was made a free burgess upon his honour. The Right Honble. Thomas Lord Peters, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Essex, and Baron of Writtle.

[Signed] PETRE."

[Admitted on the same day:]

Sir Edwd. Southcott, Knt.; John Peters, of Writtle Park, Esq.; John Peter, of Fidelers, Essex, Esq.; Philip Waldegrave, of Borley, Esq.; John Mumford, of Fryin Inn (Fryerning), Essex, vintner; Geo. Whale, of Ingerstone, Essex, gent.

February 8, 1699.

Thomas Wier, slaystrither (?), of Colchester, on affirmation as a Quaker, apprentice to Amos Woodward.

October 13, 1700.

John Cooke, Doctor of Laws.

August 22, 1701.

John Cowper, citizen and haberdasher, of London, before John Potter, Esq., Mayor.

February 24, 1702.

James Taverner, gent., Town Clerk of Maldon, before Ralph Creffield, Esq., Mayor.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 208].

[*Folio* 209.]

January 7, 1700.

William Hewers, Esq., Stephen Pendervis, Esq., William Plowman, Esq., before John Potter, Esq., Mayor,

January 13, 1700.

Sir Edward Turner, Knight, before John Potter, Esq., Mayor.

April 10, 1701.

Sir Simonds D'Ewes, Baronet, Sir Thomas Spring, Baronet, before John Potter, Esq., Mayor.

May 12, 1701.

Henry Barker, gent., grandson of Robert Barker, Esq., Sergeant at Law and sometime Recorder of Colchester, a freeburgess, before John Potter, Esq., Mayor.

May 29, 1701.

Sir Charles Tyrrell, Baronet, before John Potter, Esq., Mayor.

July 17, 1701.

Sir Thomas Davall, Knight, Mr. Daniel Smith, sen., Recorder of

Harwich, Daniel Davall, Esq., before John Potter, Esq., Mayor.

[*End of Folio* 209].

OATH OF THE BAILIFF AND HIS ASSISTANTS, OF THE DUTCH BAY HALL, 1682.†

[*Dorse of Folio* 209].

19th September, 1682.

A new oath to be administered to the Bayliffe and his Assistants belonging to the Dutch Bay Hall in Colchester.

You shall swear that from time to time you shall make diligent search and doe your uttmost endeavour to discover and seize all such Bays made to the Dutch Bay hall as you shall finde to be fraudulently and deceitfully made and not brought to the dutch bay hall in Colchester there to be viewed, searched, measured, and sealed by the sworne Officers of the said hall, and there to receive their finall sentence. And if upon your search you shall finde any such badd and naughty Bays, that you seize the same, in whose hand or custody soever you shall finde them; and that you shall immediately carry them or cause them to be carryed to the Dutch Bay hall in Colchester aforesaid, that soe the Offenders may be proceeded against according to a late Act of Parliament intituled: An Act for regulateing the trade of Baymakeing in the Dutch Bay hall in Colchester, and according to the good and Lawdable orders and Constitutions there made; And that you forthwith upon any such seizure give notice thereof to your Governours of the said Dutch Bay hall. And you shall doe whatsoever also belongeth to a Bayliffe of the said hall to doe. So helpe you God.

THE OATH OF THE WARDENS OF WEAVERS.

You shall swear that you will serve our Sovereign Lord King George the 2nd in the office of Wardens of the Weavers for the Burrough of Colchester untill others be Sworne in your place, according to the best of your Skill and Judgement. So help you God.—5th October, 1734.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 209.]

THE OATH OF A PORTER AT THE NEWE HITH.

You shall sweare that you will execute and performe in all things respectively the office of a Porter in weighinge of all manner of goods to be weighed at the Newhith, dealinge faithfully, trulie, and conscionably with all men that shall use and imploy you in or about the said office, from time to time giveinge an Accompt to the cheife water bayliffe, of all such quantities of such goods and merchandizes as you shall soe weigh. And you shall be obedient to the cheife water baylliffe in all his reasonable and lawfull commandments, laienge aside all envie, hatred and Malice, and not regardinge love, favour, affection, guifte, reward or corruption, you shall truely and sincerely performe the said office soe longe as you shall continue in the same.—Soe helpe you God.

OATH OF THE CHIEF PORTER†

The oath of the cheife porter which is to looke to the weighinge and measuringe of woade, coles, and all other things belonginge to those offices, and to take and keepe a faithfull accompt of all such goods and merchandizes that are or shall bee goinge out from or into the Key.

You shall sweare that you will Execute and performe in all things belonginge to the office of a porter for the weighinge of woade and all other things waieable and measuringe of Coles at the newe hith within this Towne. You shall have a care that the Woade and other things waieable be weighed by good and lawfull weights and scales, and the coles to be measured by good and lawefull measures. And you shall have a care that all goods and Marchandizes that shall come in or goe out from the Key in the newehith shall be sett downe and a true and perfecte accompt thereof be by you kept, to the end that the same accompt may be seene and perused by anyone that shall desire to see or peruse the said Accompt. And in all these things you shall trulie, faithfully, and respectively performe your dutie between

buyer and seller, party and partyes, that shall be concerned in the same, laienge aside all byrespects, envie, hatred, and Malice, and not regardinge love, favour, affection, guifte, reward, or Corruption, you shall freely, faithfully, and conscionablie perform the said office, Soe longe as you shall continue in the same. Soe helpe you God.

[*End of Folio* 210.]

THE OATH OF THE WARDENS OF THE BAKERS.

[*Dorse of Folio* 210.]

You shall swear that you will well, truely, and respectively serve our Sovereigne Lord the Kinge and the Mayor of this Towne in the office of a Warden of the Bakers for the yeare nowe next ensueinge. You shall duely and truely see to, and try from time that the bread made and sold by the Bakers, or any other within this Towne and the libertyes thereof, be good and wholsome breade, well baked and truely ordered, and that the same breade be such breade as is allowed and lawfull to be made and baked. And that you will carefully and respectively waigh the breade that shall be made and sold within this Towne and the Libertyes thereof, and see that the same breade be full waight and doe containe the waight accordinge to the Assize and Assizes given or to be given unto them by Mr. Mayor of this Towne. And all faults and offences committed, or done or [that] shall be done by the Bakers within this Towne or the Libertyes thereof in makeinge, bakeing, orderinge or sellinge of their bread, dureinge the time of your office, which shall come to your knowledge, you shall make them knowne to Mr. Mayor and upon your oath shall presente them at one of the Generall Sessions of the Peace to be holden for this Burrough and the Libertyes thereof. And all and every other thinge whatsoever which belongeth to the said office of a warden, laieinge aside all by respects, envie, hatred, and malice, And not regardinge love, favour, affection, guifte, reward, or corruption, You shall freely, faithfully, conscionably, respectly (*sic*) doe and performe the said office of a warden soe longe as you shall continue in the said office.—So helpe you God.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 210].

THE OATH OF THE WARDENS FOR BUTCHERS.

[*Folio* 216.]

You shall sweare that you will have a speciall care that noe Butcher or other person shall sell any measled or murraine flesh, or any other unwholsome flesh, within the marketts or elswhere within the Libertyes of this Towne. And you shall well, truely, faithfully, and respectively in all things doe that which by Wardens of the Butchers ought to be done, laieinge aside all Envie, hatred and Malice and not regardinge love, favour, or affection, guilte, rewarde, or corruption, you shall carefully and conscionablie execute the said office of wardens for the Butchers, according to the best of your skills, judgments, and discretions. —Soe helpe you God.

THE OATH OF THE LANDLOOKERS.

You beinge elected and chosen to be one of the Landelookers for this Towne and the liberties thereof shall sweare that you will truely, faithfully, and respectively in all things performe the said office of a Landlooker, and duely and truely, with the other Landlookers for this Towne, when you shall be thereunto called, deliver your verdicte and declare your knowledge of all such meets and bounds of land and houses and other things as you shall be required to viewe and survey, and takeing for your paines and care therein only such fees as have been accustomed to be paid, and that in the executinge of your said office you shall doe right to all men to the best of your Skill, Judgment, and discretion. Soe helpe you God.

[*End of Folio* 211.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 211.]

THE OATH OF THE SEARCHERS AND SEALERS OF LEATHER.

You and every one of you shall swear that

you will have a dilligent care to search and try (respectively) all such Leather as shall be brought to the Leather Hall within this Towne to be sold whither (*sic*) the said leather bee tanned, dryed, and ordered accordinge to the Statute, yea or noe, And that you will (with the Common Seale of this Towne made for that purpose) seale all such Leather as shall bee brought to the said Leather Hall, if you finde upon proofe the same to be sufficiently tanned, ordered, and dressed accordinge to law. And that if you finde any Leather sold out of the Markett, or sold, or offered to be sold, or that shall bee brought to be searched or marked, insufficiently tanned, dryed, ordered, or curried ; or any bootes, shoes, or other things made of tanned Leather, or curried Leather insufficiently tanned, dried, curried, wrought, or made contrary to the Statute, You shall seize the same as forfeited, and shall detaine the same in your custody untill it be tryed by six able and experte men, to be appointed by the Mayor of this Towne. And that you shall keepe a booke or Register, and upon request to you made by the buyers or sellers of Leather (within the Markett of this Towne), You shall register and sett downe all such bargaines and sales of Leather as shall be made in the said markett, and shall sett downe the names and surnames and dwellinge places of all such persons as shall buy or sell any Leather, hides or skins (within the said Markett) dureinge the time of your office, takeinge only such fees as shall bee due and accustomed to be paid for the same, and that you shall and will doe, and performe carefully, conscionablie, and respectively all and every other thinge and things whatsoever belonging or any waies appertaining to the office of a searcher and sealer of leather, laieinge aside all Envy, hatred, and malice, and not regardinge love, favour, affection, guifte, reward or corruption, you shall performe the said office accordinge to the best of your skills, judgments, and discretion—Soe helpe you God.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 211.]

THE OATH OF TRYERS OF LEATHER UPON THE STATUTES OF THE FIRST YEARE OF KING JAMES.

[*Folio* 212.]

You shall sweare that you will well and truely try and make presentment whither or not two hides of Leather of the goods of A. B., tanned by C. D., seized the sixth of November last past by the searchers and sealers of Leather appointed and sworne for this Towne and the Libertyes thereof, be sufficient and accordinge to the true intent of the statute in the first yeare of King James concerninge the duty of Tanners, curriers, shoemakers, and of others cuttinge of Leather. Soe helpe you God.

Alio modo. [In another form.]

You shall sweare to inquire whither one J.D. did sell or put to sale one Backe of Sole Leather, now under seizure, to one G.L., or to any other person, not being first searched and sealed accordinge to the statute in that behalfe provided.—Soe helpe you God.

There be divers of these oathes which must be drawne accordinge as the case requires.

[*End of Folio* 212.]

THE OATH OF THE HEADMEN FOR THE ELECCON OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE, CORONERS, CLAVIERS, AND A CHAMBERLIN FOR THE TOWNE OF COLCHESTER.

[*Dorse of Folio* 212.]

You fower, being nominated and chosen to be the Headmen for the fower severall wards within this Towne, shall swear that you and every one of you shall out of every Ward for which you are chosen Headmen, electe and nominate two of the Assistants or Counsell of this Towne and three other Freeburgesses of this Burrough to be with you of the election for the choseinge of Justices of the Peace, Coroners, Claviers, and a Chamberlin, to serve this Towne in the offices aforesaid ; and after the said Assistants or Counsellors and Freeburgesses soe by you elected and chosen shall be sworne, you fower together with them (being of the number of fower and twenty persons) shall proceed to the electinge and

choseinge of two Justices of the Peace, two Coroners, fower Claviers and one Chamberlin to serve this Burrough in the offices and places aforesaid (respectively) for the yeare now next followeinge. You shall electe and choose the wisest, discreetest, abelest, fittingest and profitabelest men for the places and offices aforesaid, laieinge aside all by respects whatsoever, envy,hatred, and malice, and not regardinge love, favour, affection, guift, reward, or corruption, you shall freely, faithfully, and conscionablie proceede in the eleccon aforesaid, accordinge to the best of your skills, wisdomes and discretions.—Soe helpe you God.

THE OATH OF THOSE OF THE ELECTION THAT ARE SWORNE NEXT THE HEADMEN.

You, together with the fower Headmen (formerlie sworne) and soe many other Freeburgesses of this Towne as with the said Headmen and yourselves shall be of the number of Fower and twenty persons shall proceed to the Electinge, choseinge, and (as abovesaid).

THE OATH OF THE REST OF THE ELECTION.

The like oath and the same oath which A.B. and others before you have taken to observe and keepe on their partes, you and every one of you shall well, truely, faithfully, and conscionablie on your partes observe, performe, and keep.—Soe helpe you God.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 212.]

[*Folio* 213.]

THE OATH OF THE HEADMEN OF THE ELECTION FOR SERJANTS.

You fower, being chosen headmen for the fower severall wards within this Towne, shall, for every ward for which you are chosen headmen, electe and chose two of the Assistants or Counsell of this Towne and three other freeburgesses of this Burrough to bee with you of the election to electe and choose fower freeburgesses to serve this Burrough for Serjants at the Mace. And after the said Assistants, Counsellors, and Freeburgesses,soe by you respectively chosen,you fower,together with them, being of the number of four and twenty persons, shall proceed to the electinge and choseinge of fower Freeburgesses to serve this Towne in the offices and places of Serjants at the Mace for the yeare nowe next followinge. You shall chose the wisest, fittingest, and profitablest men for the places and offices aforesaid, laienge aside all by respects whatsoever,envie, hatred, and malice, and not regardinge love, favour, affection, guift, reward, or corruption, you shall freely, faithfully, and respectively proceed in the Election aforesaid, accordinge to the best of your skills, judgment, and discretions, dischargingе this your oath conscionablie.—Soe helpe you God.

THE OATH OF THOSE OF THE ELECTION THAT ARE SWORNE NEXT THE HEADMEN.

You, together with the 4 headmen formerly sworne, and soe many other freeburgesses as with the said headmen and yourselves shall be of the number of fower and and twenty persons, shall proceede to the electinge and choseinge of, etc. (as abovesaid).

THE OATH OF THE REST OF THE ELECTION.

The like oath and the same oath which A.B. and others before you have taken on their partes to keepe and performe, you and every one of you on your partes shall well, truely, faithfully, conscionablie, and respectively keepe and performe.—Soe helpe you God.

[*End of Folio* 213.]

A NEW OATH FOR THE MEASURER OF BAYES.

[*Dorse of Folio* 213.]

This Oath is for the Ordinary and Chief Measurers who are sworn together.

You shall sweare that you will not take notice who is the owner of any Bay belonging to the Duch Bayhall comeing to your hands to be measured, by any marke, information or means whatsoever, untill you have carefully tryed and measured the same, and you shall

duely and truely content every such Bay, distinguishing by the content Seale thereof, by you to be stamped, what every such Bay shall contain in Length, not exceeding fifty-two Dutch ells, without makeing mention on the said content Seal what any such Bay shall exceed that length ; and when you knowe who is the owner of any such Bay, you shall not alter, or cause or suffer to be altered, the length thereof so contented, unlesse it be cast in proofe according to the orders and found faulte. And you shall have a speciall care to try and measure by the Dutch Ell, and content every Bay duely and truely in manner and forme aforerehearsed.—Soe help you God.

THE OATH OF THE HIGH SEALERS OF THE DUCH BAY HALL.

You shall sweare that soe often as any appeale shall be made to you, that you will not take knowledge by the workemanshipp or by any other signe or informacion or otherwise howsoever, who is the owner of any Bay that shall be brought or presented unto you to search and seale until the more part of you and your fellows shall be agreed upon the sentence and seale of the same Bay ; And that when you shall know whoe is the owner of any such Bay, you, nor any of you, shall alter or change the sentence or seal contrary to your first sentence or agreement. And you shall be carefull and dilligent (according as the appeale shall be) to sentence and seale every such Bay according to your Books of Orders, faithfully discharging your conscience betweene the Baymaker and the Merchant.—Soe help you God.

[Marginal note.] The new oath of the Bayliffe and Assistants is 4 leaves back.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 213.]

THE OATH OF THE HALL KEEPER AND BOOKE KEEPER BOTH OF THE RAWE AND WHITEHALL [and his Assistant*].

[*Folio* 214.]

You shall sweare that you will be faithfull and just in stampeing the Leads to be Affixed to the Colchester Bayes accordnge to the sentences given and to be given by the Sealers upon every Baye, and you shall justly, truely and exactly sett downe and booke in writeing all such fines, bootes,§ and forfeitures as shall be from time to time amerced, affeered or sett by the Hallers and sealers as well of rawe as of fulled Bayes. And you shall carefully, dilligently and faithfully doe and performe as well all such other things as doe belonge to the office and place of Hall Keeper and Booke Keeper both of the rawe and Whitehall, and which by such officer ought to be done, as also all such other Acts and things lawfull and reasonable as by any order or command of the Governers of the said Bayhall at any time or times hereafter shall be enjoyned to bee by you, in relacon to the said office, done and performed. And you shall from time to time give a just and true Accompt to the Governers of all matters and things whatsoever, as well such as at present doe or at any time hereafter shall concerne your said office and place, and in which you are or hereafter shall be imployed concerninge the said office.—Soe helpe you God.

THE OATH OF THE PRINTERS IN THE LOOMBE.

You shall sweare that you will faithfully discharge your conscience in dilligently lookeing to all bad workemanshippe on the Loombe accordinge to your booke of orders and without Bribery, favour or Affection to give due notice unto your Governers of such bad workemanshippe for punishinge thereof from time to time, for saveing of the Baymaker and the Credit of the Trade.—Soe helpe you God.

[*End of Folio* 214.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 214.]

This oath altered lately and a new one recorded on the leafe before this.¶

THE OATH FOR THE ORDINARY AND CHIEFE MEASURERS OF BAYES.

You shall sweare that you will not take

* In a later handwriting.

§Bootes = booties, i.e. gains.

¶ Inserted at a slightly later period.

notice who is the owner of any Baye belonginge to the Dutch bayehall, which shall come to your hands to be measured, by any marke, informacion or meanes whatsoever, untill you have carefully tryed, measured and contented the same Baye as it shall holde and containe in Length, and when you shall knowe who is the owner of any such Baye, you shall not alter, cause, or suffer to be altered the true length and contents thereof, unles it be caste in proofe accordinge to the orders and then found faulty; and you shall have a speciall care to try and measure by the Dutch Ell and content every Baye duely and truely as the same shall holde and be in length.—Soe helpe you God.

THE OATH OF THE PROVERS OF BAYES.

You shall sweare that you will dilligently, carefully, and thoroughly wett every Baye which shall be brought unto you to be proved by any of the officers of the Dutch bayhall. You shall not take notice who is the owner of any Baye, brought unto you to be proved. You shall not suffer any other with your knowledge to retch any of the said Bayes: But you shall dry or cause to be dryed the same Bayes accordnge to your written orders to the best of your skill and judgment for the safegard of the Merchant and the good of the Trade.—Soe helpe you God.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 214.]

THE BAYLIFFES OATH [AND HIS ASSISTANT.‡]

[*Folio* 215.]

You shall sweare that you will be dilligent and carefull at all times convenient to finde out and to discover every person that shall abuse or wronge any Baye by stretching or straineinge of it. And you shall cause every Baye, which you shall finde to hange to stiffe or to be strained, to be tryed, and the offender to be punished accordinge to your booke of orders. You shall faithfully discharge your conscience doeing indifferently to every man alike without favour or Affection, for the saveinge of the Merchant and the Baiemaker and the Creditt of the Trade.—Soe helpe you God.

THE OATH OF THE SEARCHERS OF THE TAINTERS.

You shall sweare that you will be dilligent at all convenient times, when you shall be thereunto called, to goe and search and trye the Bayes hanginge upon the Tainters, and you shall punish and fine every offender that hange his Baye to stiffe and strained contrary to your Booke of orders. This you shall doe indifferently, discharging your conscience to every man alike without favour or Affection, for the saveinge of the Merchant and the Creditt of the Trade.—Soe helpe you God.

THE OATH OF THE HALLKEEPERS ASSISTANTE [FOR STAMPING*.]

You shall be faithfull and just in stampinge the Leads of all such Bays as shall be by the Sealers of the Bayhall committed to your charge to be stamped accordinge to such sentence as shall be given upon the same by the Sealers thereof, and you shall be faithfully aideing, assistinge, and helpinge to the Hallkeeper and bookkeeper in all things his office concerninge—Soe helpe you God.

[*End of Folio* 215.]

THE OATHE OF THE RAWHALLERS AND THEIR SUPPLIES.

[*Dorse of Folio* 215.]

You shall sweare that you from time to time will have a dilligent care to sentence, marke, and seale every Bay which belongeth to your Hall, according to the good and bad workmanshippe, as neare as you can, and that you will not take knowledge by the marke of any Bay or by any other meanes whatsoever who was the Weaver of any Bay. You shall drawe untill suche time as the sentence be passed and agreed upon by the more parte of you or your fellowe searchers. And when you shall know who was the Workeman of any Bay you shall not alter the sentence, stampe, marke, or seale

‡In a later handwriting. This oath is the oath of the Bailiff of the Dutch Bay Hall.

*In a later handwriting.

just agreed upon, and you shall faithfully discharge your conscience between the Baymaker and the Weaver, encouraginge the good workeman, and freeinge him from fine and forfeiture, and punishinge the naughty and bad workemanshippe with indifferency, accordinge to your discretion and booke of orders.—Soe helpe you God.

THE OATH OF THE WHITEHALLERS AND THEIR SUPPLIES.

You shall sweare that you will not take knowledge by the worke, or by any other signe or information, or otherwise howsoever, who is the owner of any Baye, that shall be brought or presented unto you, to search and seale, until the more parte of you, and your fellowe searchers shall bee agreed upon the sentence and seale of the same Bay; and that when you shall knowe who is the owner of any suche Bay as aforesaid, you, nor any of you, shall alter or change the sentence and agreement; and that you will from time to time be very dilligent and carefull, according to your skill, discretion, and judgment, to look to the Thickinge, rowinge, and workmanshippe of every Baye, and to sentence and seale every Bay onely which belongeth to your Hall, expressed in your book of orders, accordinge to the true worth and goodness of every Baye, faithfully dischargeinge your conscience between the Baymaker and the Marchante. —Soe help you God.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 215.]

[*Folio* 216. *Writing of about* 1650 *to* 1660.]

THE OATH OF THE MEASURER OF COLES AND OTHER THINGS AT THE NEWHITHE.

You shall sweare that you will truely, faithfully, and respectively measure all coles and other things to be measured at the Newhith and within the libertys of this Towne by good and lawful measures, soe often as you shall be thereunto called, desired, or required, and in measuring of corne and graine you shall for your strike make use of a Roll to be provided for that purpose and of no other; and ye shall doe that which is just and equall betweene the buyer and the seller; and you shall doe your best indeavor to gather and pay to the waterbaylife his fees and dueties of all Carts, Waggons, and Tumbrells, to be laden at the new hithe and to give to the said cheefe waterbaylife, a seasonable accompt of all such as shall fail of payment thereof, that soe he may use all lawfull meanes for recovery thereof; and of whatsoever you shall shall doe in the execution of this office you shall give to the said waterbaylife a just and true accompt. And you shall truely, faithfully, and conscionably doe and performe all other matters and things which doth, or shall, appertain to the said office according to the best of your skill, judgment, and discretion, in all which you shall lay aside all envy, hatred, and mallice, and not regard love, favor, affecion, guift, reward, or coruption.—Soe help you God.

[Marginal note in the handwriting of the 18th Century.]

And you shall not for the yeare ensueing measure or load above three quarters of a chaldron of coals on any tumbrill or carriage at one time for any inhabitant of the said town or burrough, except onely the allowance of Ingram used in yr cale [? the last three words are defaced, and may be intended for "in the scale."]

[*End of Folio* 216.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 216.]

THE PLAGUE OF 1665†.
SALARIES OF SURGEONS, SEARCHERS, AND BEARERS.†

19 October, 1665.

Colchester. Ordered by the Deputy-Mayor and the Justices of the said Towne of Colchester.

That Mr. Raer, Chirurgeon and Pestmaster from henceforth dureing this visitacon and the pleasure of the Justices shall have a sallary for serching and his Care to be taken about the poore people afflicted with the plague, the weekly sume of Twenty shillings and noe more.	011.	00s.	00d.
That Mr. Hendrik, a Dutch Chirurgeon, imployed in the same buisnise shall have the same allowance.	011.	00s.	00d.
That Mr. Streete, a Sercher, imployed in the visitation, have the weekely stipend of	00	15	00
That the three bearers shall have for their paines a noble a weeke apeece in all.	01	00	0
	3	15	00
That the three wayters shall have for their paines the weekely stipend of	1	01	0

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 216.]

OATH FOR THE SEARCHERS OF THE PLAGUE.†

[*Folio* 217.]

The oath appointed for the Searchers of the Plague.

Yee, and either of you, shall sweare that yee shall dilligently veiwe and search the Corps of all such persons as dureing theis infectious times shall dye within this Towne, or the libertys thereof, or soe many of them as you shall or may have accesse unto, or have notice of, and shall, according to the best of your skil, determin of what disease every such dead Corps came to its death, and shall ymediately give your judgment thereof to the Constables of the parish where such Corps shall be found, and to the Bearers appointed for the buriall of such infected Corps. You shall not make report of the cause of any ones death better or worse than the nature of the disease shall deserve. Yee shall live together where you shall be appointed, and not walke abroad more than necessity requires, and that onely in the execution of your office of Searchers. Yee shall decline, and absent yourselves from your familys, and allwaies avoide the societye of people, and in your walke shall keepe as far distant from Men as may be, allways carrying in your hands a white wand by which the people may know you, and shunn and avoide you. And yee shall well and truely doe all other things belonging to the office of Serchers (*sic*) according to the best of your skill, wisdom, knowledg, and power, in all things dealing faithfully, honestly, unfeighnedly, and impartially.—Soe help you God.

THE BEARERS OATH.

Yee shall sweare that yee shall beare to the ground and bury the bodies of all such persons as dureing theis infectious times shall die of the pestilence within this Towne, or the libertys thereof, or soe many of them as ye shall have notice of, and may be permitted to bury, carrying them to buriall allwaies in the nightyme [unles it be otherwise ordered by the Mayor of this Towne*] And she (*sic*) shall be allwaies in readines for that purpose at your abode where you shall be appointed, keeping apart from your familys together with the Searchers, and not be absent from them noe more than your office of bearers requier. Yee shall allwaies in your walks, as much as may be, avoid the society of people, keeping as far distant from them as may be, and carrying openly in your hands a white wand, by which

*Interpolated.

people may know you, and shunn and avoide you ; and shall doe all other things belonging to the office of Bearers, and therein shall demeane yourselves honestly and faithfully, discharging a good conscience.—Soe helpe you God.

THE PAYMENT OF THE BEARERS FOR BURIALS.‡

16 August, 1665.

James Barton and John Cooke } Sworne. Who are to have for their paines ten shillings a weeke apeece, and ij.s. for every one to be buried, takeing the twoe shillings out of the estate of the deceased; if there be no wherewithall, the parish to beare it.

[*End of Folio* 217].

PERAMBULATION OF COLCHESTER, 1563.†

[*Dorse of Folio* 217.]

A declaration of a perambulation of the liberties of the Towne of Colchester, anno dni. 1563.*

From Colchester to

Lambe Crosse.

Newbridge.

A brooke at the end of Westfeild.

Godulnes Bredge, alias Botolphes Bredge.

Thomas Bredge.

Black brookes in Chestrewell.

Brookes under Langham parke.

Levegores bredge.

Dyche Crouch.

Batells Brooke.

Bathes Brooke.

A brooke at Sir Francis Jobsons gate.

Black heathe Corner, being the North corner, and so direct to the Sowth side of the heath into the parke of beerechurch.

The Corner of the same parke of Beerechurch, direct against Aberton Church, where the out marke of the lymitts is the River banke by a greate Alder there.

Brounsford Bredg, still to the River-side.

Kingesford bredg, leaveing the brooke alwaies on the lefte hand, and Kirton Wood on the Right hand, goeing by Layer Mill, the North wheele whereof is said to be in Westdoniland parrish, within the liberties of Colchester.

To Olivers Gate.

Chesten Feelde.

Parkefeild, by Mr. Motts howse,

Grymes Dyche.

Grymes Diche by Pedders crosse.

Grimes Wrosen.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 217].

[*Handwriting of* 17*th century.*]

[*Folio* 218.]

THE SERJANTS OATHE.

You and every of you shall sweare that you well and truly shall serve the Mayor, Aldermen and burgisses of this Towne in the office of a Serjantshipp, and as Serjants of this Towne for and during the space of one whole yeere now next comeing, and shall well, truly and faythfully serve, do and execute all and all manner of precepts, accons, warrants, and commandements to you and every of you to be lawfully given and directed, touching or

* The writing appears to be about a century later.

concerning any matter, cause or proces to be moved, had, or depending in the Kings Majesties Courtes to be holden in this Towne, according to the libertyes thereof ; and shall make due retornes and annsweres thereunto and make certificates thereof according to the effect of such precepts, accons, warrants, and commandements, taking therefore your ordionary fees and none other. And also that you shall diligently give attendance unto Mr. Mayor and waite upon him as hath been accustomed, and as you ought to doe, and his commandments truly to doe and say, and not alter the same, so that it may be prejuditiall or hurtefull unto the said Master Mayor or any other. And likewise you shall give attendance and be ayding and assisting unto the constables of this towne in anything that they or any of them shall reasonably command you, and you shall dilligently and truly doe all things apperteyning to your said office to the uttermost of your powers. Soe helpe you God.

[*End of Folio* 218.]

[*Dorse of Folio* 218. *Similar handwriting.*]

THE TOWNE CLARKES OATH.

You shall sweare that you will well and truly serve the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of this towne in the office of Towne Clarke of this towne and borrough of Colchester, and truly to see all plaintes, accons, proces and matters in the courtes to be holden before Mr. Mayor, the Aldermen and burgisses of this towne, by you or your deputy, accordinge to the Customes and liberties of this towne, to be entred and recorded as they ought to be after the best of your cunning, witt, or power, takeing for the same onely your due fees and no more. And the purquisits, yssues, profitts, and amercements of the same Courtes you shall justly and truly wright and extracte yeerly for the levying and gathering thereof. And you shall truly and dilligently doe and accomplish all other things apperteyning to your said office after the best of your knowledg, as neere as God shall give you grace.—So helpe you God.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 218.]

[*Folio* 219.]

ACQUITANCES FOR VIII.LI. PER ANN. GRAUNTED OUT OF THE FEE FARME TO THE LORD VISCOUNT COLCHESTER.

[*Latin.*]

Noverint universi per presentes me, Thomam Vicecomitem Colchester, in die confeccionis presentium recepisse et habuisse de discretis et venerabilibus hominibus de Colcestria octo libras sterlingorum, parcell firme ejusdem ville, que iidem homines ad sccm. domini Regis solvere antehac tenebantur, illas (scilicet) quas serenissimus princeps ac dominus, Dominus Jacobus, Dei gratia Rex Anglie, Scocie, Francie, and Hibernie, per literas suas patentes, magno sigillo suo Anglie sigillatas, gerentes datum apud Westm. quinto die Julii anno regni sui Anglie, etc., xixo., mihi concesserit, ac juxta mandatum ejusdem domini Regis per breve suum eisdem hominibus directum solutas. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus apposui. Datum decimo die Octobris anno regni dicti domini nostri Jacobi, Dei gratia Anglie, Scocie, Francie et Hibernie regis, fidei defensoris, etc. (scilicet) Anglie, Francie, et Hibernie xxo., et Scocie lvjo.

COLCHESTER.

[*Translation.*]

Know all by [these] presents that I Thomas Viscount Colchester, on the day of the completion of [these] presents, have received and had from the discreet and venerable men of Colchester eight pounds sterling, part of the farm of the said town, which the same men were held to pay heretofore to the treasury of the lord king, to wit those which the most serene prince and lord, the lord James, by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, by his letters patent, sealed with his great seal o England, bearing

date at Westminster, July 5, in the 19th year of his reign of England, etc., granted to me, and paid according to the mandate of the same King by his writ addressed to the same men. In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to [these] presents. Given on the 10th day of October in the year of the reign of our said lord James, by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, to wit the 20th of England, France, and Ireland, and the 56th of Scotland.

[Signed] COLCHESTER.*

Like acquittances in Latin, signed COLCHESTER, appear on this Folio and its *Dorse*, dated Oct. 7, 1623, Oct. 8, 1624, Oct. 8, 1625, Oct. 14, 1626.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 219.]

[*Folio* 220 *and Dorse of same.*]

Like acquittances in Latin, signed RIVERS, and dated Oct. 16, 1627, Oct. 21, 1628, Oct. 10, 1629, Oct. 20, 1630, Oct. 19, 1631, Oct. 22, 1632.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 220.]

[*Folio* 221.]

THE OATH OF SUPREMICIE.

I, D.C., doe utterly testifie and declare in my conscience that the Kinges Highnes is the onely Supreme Governour of this Realme, and of all other his Majesties Dominions and Countries, as well in all Sperituall or Ecclesiastical thinges (or causes) as temporall. And that no forrein Prince, Person, Prelate, State, or Potentate hath, or ought to have any Jurrisdiccon, power, superioritie, preheminence, or authoritie, Ecclesiasticall or Sperituall, within this Realme; and therefore I doe utterly renounce and forsake all forrein Jurisdiccon, powers, supperiorities, and authorities, and doe promise that from henceforth I shall beare fayth and true allegeance to the Kinges Highnes, his heires and lawfull successors, and (to my power) shall assist and defend all jurisdiccon, priviledges, preheminence, and authorities, granted or belonginge to the Kinges Highnes, his heires and successors, or united and annexed to the imperiall Crowne of this Realme. So helpe me God.

*Thomas, Baron D'Arcy, was created Viscount Colchester, July 5, 1621. In November, 1626, he was made Earl Rivers. He died February 21, 1639. He was succeeded by his daughter's son, John Savage, Earl Rivers. The titles of Earl Rivers and Lord Colchester became extinct in 1712.

THE OATH OF ALLEGEANCE.

I, D.C., doe trulie and sincerely acknowledge, professe, testifie, and declare in my Conscience, before God and the World, That our Sovereigne Lord, King Charles [James*] is lawfull and rightfull Kinge of this Realme, and of all other his Majesties Dominions and Countries; And that the Pope, neither of himselfe nor by anie authoritie of the Church or Sea of Rome, or by anie other meanes, with anie other, hath anie power or authoritie, to depose the Kinge, or to dispose of any of his Majesties Kingdomes or dominions or to authorice anie forreine Prince to invade or annoy him, or his Countries, or to discharge anie of his Subiectes of their allegeance and obedience to his Majestie or to give license or leave to anie of them, to beare Armes, raise tumults, or to offer anie violence or hurte to his Majesties Royall Person, State, or Government, or to anie of his Majesties Subiectes, within his Majesties Dominions. Also, I doe sweare from my hearte, that notwithstandinge any declaracon, or sentence of Excommunication or deprivacon made or graunted, or to bee made or graunted by the Pope or his successors, or by anie authoritie derived, or pretended to bee derived from him or his Sea, against the said Kinge, his heires or successors, or anie absolucon of the said Subiects from their obedience, I will beare faieth and true allegeance his Majestie, his heires and successors, and him and them will defend to the uttermost of my power against all conspearacies and attemptes whatsoever, which shall be made against his or their person, their Crowne and dignitie, by

* "Charles" erased and "James" written above.

reason or coullor of any such sentence or declaracon, or otherwise, and will do my best endeavour to disclose and make knowen unto his Majestie, his heires and successors, all Treasons and traiterous conspearacies which I shall knowe or heare of, to bee against him or any of them.—[*End of Folio* 221.—*Continuation on Dorse.*]—And I doe further sweare that I doe from my hearte abhorre, deteste, and abjure, as impious and hereticall, this damnable doctrine and position, That Princes which be excommunicated or deprived by the Pope maie bee deposed or murthered by their subjects, or anie other whatsoever. And I doe beleeve, and in conscience am resolved, That neither the Pope nor anie person whatsoever, hath power to absolve me of this oath, or any parte thereof, which I atknowledge by good and lawfull authoritie to be lawfully ministered unto mee, and I doe renounce all Pardons and dispensacons to the contrary. And all these things I doe plainly and sincerly acknowledge and sweare, accordinge to these expresse wordes by mee spoken, and accordinge to the plaine and common sense and understandinge of the same wordes, without anie equivacacon or mentall evasion, or secrett reservacon whatsoever. And I doe make this acknowledgment and recognition, heartily, willingly, and truly, upon the true faieth of a Christian.—So helpe me God.

THE CORONERS OATH.

[In the same handwriting as the previous oath.]

You shall sweare that you well and truly shall serve our Sovereigne Lord the Kings Majestie, and his liege people, in the office of a Coroner, and as one of his Majesties Coroners of this Towne and the liberties thereof, and therein you shall dilligently and truly doe, and accomplish all and everything and things apperteyning to your office, after the best of your cunnine, wit and power, both for the King's profitt and the good of the inhabitants within this Towne and the liberties thereof, takeing such fees as you ought to take, by the lawes and statutes of this Realme, and not otherwise.—So helpe you God.

DECLARATIONS AGAINST TAKING ARMS AGAINST THE KING, AND AGAINST THE SOLEMN LEAGUE AND COVENANT.†¶

[In a later handwriting.]

I, A.B., doe declare and believe that it is not lawfull, upon any pretence whatsoever, to take armes against the King, and that I do abhorr that traiterous position of takeing Armes by his Authority against his person or against those that are commissioned by him. Soe help me God.

I, A.B., doe declare that I hold that there lies no obligacon upon me or any other person from the oath commonly called the Solemne League and Covenant, and the same was in itselfe an unlawfull oath, and imposed upon the subjects of this Realme against the knowne laws and liberties of the Kingdome.

[A number of signatures much faded are appended, having apparently been subscribed to the two foregoing declarations. These signatures are as follows]:—

Tho. Munne [twice]
16 Feb., 1684, Tho. Earl,
15 Jan., 1685, Hope Gifford,
21 June, 1686, Tho. Greene,
25 May, 1686, Jos. Thurston,
20 Oct., 1686, Robt. Halls,
20 Feb., 1687, Tho. Glascock.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 221.]

THE MAIOR'S OATH.

[*Folio* 222. *Writing of about 1680.*]

You shall sweare to serve our Sovereigne Lord King Charles the Second [James, George§] in the office of Mayor of this Towne and all judgements of plees, which before you shall happen to bee determined, from daie to daie, you well and faythfully shall consider and judge, sparinge none for love,

¶ These are of the reign of Charles II.

§ "Charles the Second" erased, and James written above, and afterwards altered to George.

favour, hatred, guifte, or promise, but that reason be done unto everyone. The Writts and Mandates, as well for our Sovereigne Lord the King as for the suite of the partie, unto you sent, you shall retorne according to that that you shall see fitt and juste, in your discretion, and counsell. You shall not bee judge and partie with anie person. And you shalbee dilligent to doe all those thinges which to a Maior of this towne doe belonge, at the daies, and places, as neede shall require. And all just profitts, of the towne aforesaid ; And which shalbee due to the Commonaltie of the towne, of righte or custome, by the Common Clarke of the Towne, you shall make to bee Inrolled : No parcell therof takinge to your selfe, concealinge, or deteyninge. And that you shall cause the Auditors of the accompt to come, to heare and determine the accompt according to the ordinance therfore made ; The good Constitucions and Ordinances, customes, and liberties of the Towne aforesaid, you shall faythfully maineteyne and susteyne. You shall abstaine, from the sellinge of Victualls by Retaile, by you or your deputies duringe the tearme of your office, as is ordeyned by the statute : But as to the Sale of Victualls, and sighte of measures, you shall dulie see and order. The publique peace within the towne aforesaid, to your utmost power, you shall keepe, and make to bee kept. So helpe you God.

[*End of Folio* 222].

THE OATH OF THE RECORDER.

[*Dorse of Folio* 222. *Handwriting of same period.*]

You shall sweare that you shall well and truly serve the Kinges Majestie, and the Maior, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the towne in the office of Recorder, and as the Recorder of this towne you shall be faythfull and just, and give good advise and Counsell unto the Maior, Aldermen, and Burgesses of this towne, for and concerninge anie matter, or cause, that shall concerne or touch the franchises, liberties, and good orders of this towne, whensoever they shall require or desire you so to doe. You shall not utter or disclose anie of their secretts or counsell touchinge the fellowship or Corporacion of this Towne, whereby anie prejudice, loss, or hinderaunce, or slander shall or maie arise, growe, or be to the same Corporacion. And further you shall do to your power, witt, and cunninge, all and every thinge, that shall apperteyne to your office, for the most benifitt, worship, and credite of this towne, and of the Inhabitants thereof. So helpe you God.

THE OATH OF A JUSTICE OF PEACE.

You shall sweare, that as a Justice of the Peace of this Towne and the liberties therof, you shall do Equall righte to the poore, and to the Rich, after your Cunninge, Wit, and power, and after the lawes and customes of the Realme, and statuts therof made. And you shall not bee of Counsell of anie quarrell hanginge before you : And that you hold your Sessions, after the forme of the statuts therof made. You shall not lett for guifte, or other cause, but well and truly shall do your office of Justice of the Peace in that behalfe. And that you take nothinge for your office of Justice of the Peace to be done but the ordinary fees accustomed, and Costs lymitted by the statute : And you shall not direct, nor cawse to bee directed anie Warrant—[*End of Dorse of Folio* 222. *Continuation on Folio* 223.]—by you made to the parties, but you shall direct them to the heigh Constables, pettie Constables, or other [publique‡] officers (or ministers) or other indifferent persons within this towne, or the liberties therof, To execute the same, Soe helpe you God.

THE ALDERMENS OATHES.

Yee, and every one of you, so often as yee shall be required, and warned, by the Maior, or Serjants of this towne, to come, and to hear the accompte, and to order and Counsell

‡ There is an erasure here, and "publique" has been written over the word erased.

for the bussines of the Towne, duly ye shall come, unless yee shall have a reasonable impediment. And yee shalbee aydinge with the Maior, that the profitts of the towne bee levied. And that all taxes, tallages, and other charges, which shall happen to bee assessed, within this towne, yee shall also see that they bee levied. And that yee shall not allowe anie grosse expences, or presentiments which shalbee made, without the assent of your fellowes, and the presence of the Chamberlaine, as it is ordeyned by the Constitucions and ordinaunces beefore this tyme made. And also you shall not allowe nor disallowe, but as it becometh good discrecion and honestie, and for the Tranquillitie of this whole towne: And so to continue the accompte from daie to daie, therfore to be assigned, until the accompte shall be made and finished, and by Indenture therupon fully delivered. And if anie officer shal be negligent, sloathful, and not diligent in the doeinge of his office belonginge to the towne and the common profitt of the same; That then yee shall not allowe to him, anie more than the constitucions and auntient ordinaunces require. And also that yee bee aydinge that all the Fearmes or this towne bee duelie demised. And that the Fines of those men which shall be made Burgisses, bee duelie made and levied of their goods, as they ought to bee, accordinge to your discretions. So helpe yee God.

[*End of Folio* 223.]

Dorse of Folio 223.]

THE CHAMBERLAINE OATH.

You shall sweare that you will well and faythfully deliver all the estreats of the Roolls, of all the Courtes and hundreds of Colchester, which you shall receive, by the handes of the Common Clarke of this towne unto the Serjeants of this towne by the vew and assent of the Maior of this towne from tyme to tyme. And a faythfull accompte of the same you shall receive and to the Maior and Aldermen of the said towne a faythful accompte shall render of all the profitts of the said towne, at the daies which are ordeyned for the same: And noe money therof without the Consent and allowance of the [Eleven*] Aldermen or [sixe*] or [five*] of them with the Maior, you shall deliver. And you shall finishe and ende your accompt [before the third day of January after the end of this yeere*] accordinge to the Constitucon in that beehalfe made or to be made. So helpe you God.

THE ATTORNIES OATH.

You shall sweare that you shall doe noe falshood, nor consent to any to be done in the Courts of the towne, and if you knowe of any to be done, you shall give knowledge thereof to the Mayor of this towne or his Deputy that it may be reformed. You shall delay no man for lucre or of malice nor shall encrease the usuall fees of the Courts of this towne, but be contented with the old accustomed fees of this towne; you shall plead noe forreigne plea to out (*sic*) the Jurisdition of this Courte, unless the same be upon oath: And further shall use yourselfe in the office of an Attorney within this Courte accordinge to your learning and discretion. So helpe you God.

[*End of Dorse of Folio* 223.]

THE OATHES OF THE ASSISTANTS AND COMMON COUNSELL.

[*Folio* 224.]

You so often as you shall be required and warned by the Maior or by any Seriant of the towne, to come, order, and counsell, for the Bussines of the towne, duly you shall come; unles you shall have some reasonable impediment. And you shalbee helpinge and counsellinge for the profitt of the towne of Colchester, so often as neede shall require. And the secretts of the Maior, Aldermen, and your fellow counsellors of the towne aforesaid well and faythfully you shall conceale and Keepe. And if any thinge shall come to your

* These parts have been erased and rewritten (or altered) apparently at a later period.

knowledge whereby anie prejudice, to the said towne, maie by anie meanes happen to growe or bee you the same to the knowledge of the Maior for the tyme beeinge shall bringe and reveale. And all the precepts and Commaundements of the Maior of this towne, lawfull and honest, duly you shall obey. And you shall not bee of counsell, nor of any yeerly fee with any Mannor within the precincte of the Liberties of the towne aforesaid.—So helpe you God.

THE OATH OF A CONSTABLE.

[This oath is in a larger and later handwriting, probably of about 1700 to 1720.]

You shall well and truely serve our Sovereigne Lord the King in the office of a Constable within this Borough in the execution of all warrants or precepts that from the Mayor or any one Justice of the Peace for this Towne shall come into your hands. You shall take care that watches and wardes be duely kept according to the Statute, and that the Statute of Winchester, of hugh and cry, and the law for the apprehending of Rouges, vagabonds, and sturdy beggers, be duely putt in execution, and that you shall doe whatsoever else belonges to the office of a (High*) Constable according to the best of your skill. —Soe help you God.

[*End of Folio* 224.]

THE OATH OF A FREEBURGESSE.

[*Dorse of Folio* 224. *Writing of* 17*th Century*.]

You shall beare fayth and truth to our [Sovereign Lord the King, his heires and lawfull successors and all earthly worshippe and namely †] for the Amendment of the Borrough of Colchester, so that no evell, nor greivaunce you shall doe, to the Borrough of Colchester, by your selfe, nor by anie of yours: Nor see to bee done by anie other person, but you shall let it to your power: Or the Maior, and Aldermen of the said Borrough thereof warne; Or cawse to bee warned. You shalbee obedient at all tymes to the Maior of this Borrough and to his ministers, for the tyme beeinge, in all Rightfull Commandments. You shalbee helpinge* and not disturbinge to all the goodeys, chattles, and profitts in tyme comeinge to the same Borrough: And of right perteyninge comeinge and befallinge; to bee raised, and to bee Keept, to the beehoofe use and profitt of the same Borrough with all thy wisdome and power. And the Counsell of the Maior and Cominaltie of this towne, well and truly you shall keepe and hold. And you shalbee readie to helpe with all your power, wisdome, goods, and chattles, at all tymes it which you shalbee required and assessed, in all manner of Reasonable aides charges and helpes to the said borrough befallinge, or needfull whatsoever it bee. And if any Toll, Custome, goods, chattles, or anie other profitt to the same Borrough belonginge, shall by anie manner of person, be led or borne away unpaied, the same person or persons well and truly you shall lett and take them, or cause them to be taken: And the same to the Chamberlaine of the aforesaid Borrough for the tyme beeinge, you shall deliver them or cause them to bee delivered. And that under Coullor of your freedome you shall not mayneteyne or susteyne no manner of goodes or marchantdizes of anie manner of forraine person, deceiveably to put awaie the rightfull customes and profitts of such forraigne goods and merchantdizes to the same borrough belonginge. And all manner of good constitucons, ordinances, usages, and franchises as well of nowe as of old constituted and ordeyned and to bee ordeyned in the said borrough, upon your might, you will keepe, susteyne, and maineteyne. Sœ helpe you God.

*The brackets enclosing this word have been added afterwards.

† These words are written, in similar handwriting, over an erasure.

* A marginal note, almost illegible, is appended: "8sh. 6d. without bucket."

THE END.

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